COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES

General Timeline for Doctoral Students

	Fall Semester					Spring Semester						Summer
Year	**Aug**	**Sept**	**Oct**	**Nov**	**Dec**	**Jan**	**Feb**	**Mar**	**Apr**	**May**	**Jun**	**Jul**
1	COGS Advisor assigned,	Pick rotations	1st Rotation Preliminary Career Dev Plan			2nd Rotation			3rd Rotation	Whole class mtg with Dean	Pick thesis lab Join-a-lab form Agreement between advisor and advisee	Check departmental requirements. Discuss plans with program director and advisor.
2	Detailed Career Dev Plan, review with PI	Departmental Journal Club. Departmental writing course.				Grant Writing Course on project		Departmental Research Presentation with invited Dept. faculty, pre-qual mtg		Whole class mtg with Dean	Select Quals Committee	Submit qual essay
3	Submit Qual proposal and have Qualifying exam.	Departmental Journal Club	Update Detailed Career Dev Plan		Select Research Committee		Departmental Research Presentation, Research Committee Meeting (semi-annual)			Whole class mtg with Dean		
4	Update Detailed Career Dev Plan Research Committee mtg	Write 1st manuscript	Departmental Journal Club		1st ms revised and accepted			Departmental Research Presentation, Research Committee Meeting (semi-annual)		Whole class mtg with Dean		**Attend scientific conference, meet possible postdoc mentors**
5	Update Detailed Career Dev Plan Research Committee mtg	Write 2nd manuscript	Plan for postdoctoral position, start application process	Departmental Journal Club or Research Presentation	Final Research Committee mtg, approve writing dissertation	Select Thesis Committee and outside member	2nd ms revised and accepted, postdoctoral interviews	Submit dissertation, schedule thesis defense	Defend Thesis, Revise dissertation	Attend Graduation, Write postdoctoral grant proposals	Submit dissertation, catalog research materials	Move out, start new position
6	Extend if necessary											