Typical Neurobiology training program

**Year 1 (BBSP)**

*Courses:*
- Cellular and Molecular Neurobiology (NBIO 722 & 723)
- Elective?
- First-year focus group
- Three research rotations

*Deadlines:*
- Select a dissertation advisor
- Take qualifying exam (written exam) in June
- Form a preliminary dissertation committee one month after passing the qualifying exam

**Year 2**

*Courses:*
- Elective(s)
- Communicating Science (presentation skills) (NBIO 850)
- Statistics (BBSP 710)

*Deadlines:*
- Form a full dissertation committee within six months after passing the proposal
- Submit and defend dissertation NRSA proposal (oral exam)

**Year 3**

*Courses:*
- Electives (if necessary)
- Start to think about career choices

*Deadlines:*
- By the beginning of the third year the oral exam should have been passed

**Years 4-5**

Meet with your committee at least once per year, preferably twice per year.
Write and publish at least one first-author journal article.
Write and defend dissertation.

*Deadlines:*
- It is expected that the time it takes to graduate in Neurobiology is 5 years (including 1st year BBSP). Currently, 5 ½ years is the average time to graduation in Neurobiology.