**Typical PhD Neuroscience 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 610)

NBIO 893 Neuroscience Seminars-attend 75% seminars, mini-series, PhD public defenses

**Deadlines:**

Form a full dissertation committee within six months after passing the qual exam

Submit and defend dissertation NRSA proposal (oral exam)

**Year 3**

**Courses:**

Electives (if necessary)

NBIO 893 Neuroscience Seminars-attend 75% seminars, mini-series, PhD public defenses

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.

Get a good job!

**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.