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Boston University Faculty of Computing & Data Sciences

PhD in Computing & Data Sciences
Lab/Research Rotations
Student Guidelines

The PhD in Computing & Data Sciences includes registration in two lab/research rotation experiences under the supervision of a CDS faculty member. Each rotation takes place over a 14-week period for students and requires accompanying enrollment in CDS DS 991 or CDS DS 992. The student's responsibility consists of approximately **15-20 hours per week involvement in the research activities of the lab for a 14-week rotation**.

During the last week of the rotation, students must prepare a 5+ page report written in the style of a research manuscript, with an introduction, materials and methods, results, conclusions, and references. The report is to be reviewed by the rotation faculty advisor and you must make corrections as suggested. The cover page of the final version of the report should include the date of the rotation and the signature of the faculty mentor, indicating review of the report and successful completion of the rotation exercise. The final document should be brought or sent electronically to the office of the CDS Academic Programs Manager (Melissa Nesbitt), who will notify the Associate Provost of your submission. **Be aware that failure to submit the report will put your CDS enrollment in jeopardy.**

Once a rotation mentor is chosen, please complete the form below. Your supervising faculty should sign below to signify that they understand the time commitment for the exercise (see above) and that they are willing to meet with you during the rotation to review progress.

Student Name:_____ **BUID:**_____

Supervising Faculty & Department_____

Semester and Year of Registration: _____

Brief Summary of Research/Lab Rotation: (e.g., to conduct research in the field of..., to prepare a thesis on..., to design a..., to fulfill requirements for [course #] independently, to study [subject matter] independently, etc.):

Supervising Faculty Signature:_____

Student Signature:_____