**Program Deadlines PHD Biomedical Sciences.**

PhD Specialties available: Anatomy, Physiology, Pharmacology, Cell Biology

- End of 1st semester, Specialty selected, Major Professor (Direct entry) or DOGE (major professor during rotations) appointed; 5 credits minimum taken.
- End of the first year Major Professor and POS committee appointed for permanent lab.
- January, each year, annual progress reports completed by each BMS graduate student and reviewed by Major Professor and DOGE. The student indicates the core courses taken and those to be taken in the subsequent year in the annual report.
- By the end of second year minimum of 15 required core course credits taken with a GPA of 3.0 or greater.
- By the end of third year, it is expected that the Prelim Exam is taken and the required core courses completed.
- Students who pass their prelim are expected to meet with their POS committee members on at least a yearly basis. The purpose is to discuss progress and research strategy or necessary remediation. Future career discussion is also encouraged. At least 3 members must be present.
- Graduation time-line: Encouraged 5 years to completion; the University’s maximum 7 year rule applies. Two publications as first author also encouraged.