

# **2005 School of Medicine Graduate Student Orientation Schedule**

## **Agenda for Monday August 22, 2005 (Day 1)**

**Location: Jordan Hall Conference Center Auditorium**

**8:00 - 8:30** Continental Breakfast

**8:30 – 8:45** Welcome (Dr. Gary K. Owens, Associate Dean for Graduate and Medical Scientist Programs, and Dr. Tim Garson, Dean and Vice President of the University of Virginia School of Medicine)

**8:45-9:30** Overview of SOM Graduate Student Training (Dr. Gary K. Owens, Associate Dean for Graduate and Medical Scientist Programs)

- Relationship of BIMS Graduate Programs, Ph.D. Degree Granting Programs, and Specialized NIH Training Grants/Programs
- Your goals, deadlines, and responsibilities

**9:30 – 10:15** BIMS Program Director Introductions (Dr. Joel Hockensmith, Assistant Dean for Graduate Programs)

**10:15 – 10:30** Refreshment break

**10:30 – 10:50** Description of the SOM Graduate Biosciences Society and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Student Council

- GBS: Joel Baumgart, President; and Kate Owen, Vice President
- GSAS Council: Brandi Cantarel, Vice President)

**10:50 – 11:30** Summary of Graduate Support Services (Dr. Joel Hockensmith)

- Description of the Graduate Programs Office, Staff Introductions, Medical Insurance, Stipend Payments

**11:30 – 1:15** Buffet lunch (Jordan Conference Center first floor meeting rooms) (all new students, BIMS Program Directors and Administrators, GBS officers, GPO Staff, TG PIs, and graduate student participants in the orientation activities).

**1:15 – 2:15** Student Panel Discussion Group - How to pick a Ph.D. Mentor? (Panel Members: Alex Ward, 5th yr., Micro; Ellena van der Schalie, 4th yr., Neuroscience; Amanda Duley, 5th year Immunology; Mike Imanuele, 4th year BMG; Mike Kagey, 5<sup>th</sup> year, BMG.; Claudia Low, 5th year, BMG; Joel Baumgart, 4th yr., Neuroscience, moderator)

- Selecting rotation mentors
- Designing a rotation project
- Timeline for selecting a mentor
- Your mentor also has to select you

**2:15 - 2:45** Description of NIH Training Grant Programs and Introduction of Directors (Dr. Brian Duling)

**2:45 – 3:00** Refreshment Break coffee, soft drinks and cookies

**3:00 – 3:45** Student Panel – What we know now that we wish we knew then: the graduate school experience. (Panel Members: Michelle M. Neveklovska 2nd yr., Neuroscience; Brianne Ray, 2nd year Micro; Stephanie Miller, 2nd year BMG; Madhura Lohia, 2nd year Micro; ; Randy Schrecengost, 3rd year Micro; Avin S. Lalmansingh, 4th yr., Neuroscience; Kate Owen, 5th yr., Microbiology, moderator)

- International student visas
- Health Insurance
- Training grants, stipends, external fellowships, wages, and taxes
- Scientific meetings and conferences
- Resources on grounds (campus) i.e. gym memberships, sporting events, concerts
- Course electives beyond core two year curriculum

**3:45 – 4:00** Final Remarks (Dr. Gary K. Owens, Associate Dean)

## **Agenda for Tuesday August 23, 2005 (Day 2)**

**Location: Jordan Hall Room 1-17 (note location change from Day 1)**

**9:00-9:30 am** Coffee, juices, and pastries

**9:30-10:30 am** Dr. Jay Fox, Associate Dean for Research, Research Support Facilities

**10:30-11:30 am** Dr. Ralph Allen, Director, Office of Environmental Health & Safety  
Radiation, Chemical and Fire safety at UVA