

## Choosing a graduate program

After passing Step 1, completing the MD program's TTCE course, and completing 1-3 research rotations, MD/PhD students should choose their graduate program. Students will need to select between the following graduate programs:

- Behavioral Neuroscience Graduate Program
- Biomedical Informatics educational programs:
  - Health & Clinical Informatics
  - Bioinformatics & Computational Biomedicine
- Neuroscience Graduate Program
- Program in Biomedical Sciences (PBMS) – more information coming Summer 2019

Please see the [Graduate Programs in MD/PhD web page](#) for links to any of these program websites.

Discussion of possible programs and mentors with your SOC and the appropriate graduate program director(s) should take place the spring – fall terms prior to your transition. Email [mdphdadmin@ohsu.edu](mailto:mdphdadmin@ohsu.edu) to inform the MD/PhD program of your decision. This decision will then be communicated to the selected graduate program to start any required paperwork.

## Rotations and Coursework

During Spring term you'll be registered for CONJ 601-MD/PhD Research or research credits related to your graduate program of choice. During this term, you'll need to complete 1-3 research rotations in order to identify a permanent mentor and a particular graduate program, if not already decided.

Faculty rotation mentors should be faculty within the graduate program that you are considering. You should meet with the director of your preferred graduate program to get their input on selecting rotations and mentors. Ideally students should select a mentor and pick a specific graduate program by the end of Spring term, but no later than the end of Summer term.

Work with your SOC, mentor, and graduate program director to develop a plan for required coursework within your selected graduate program. Please note that you must complete all requirements of your chosen graduate program. Continue to work and meet with your SOC until your dissertation advisory committee (DAC) is officially formed. Students should meet with their SOC and DAC every 6 months after committee formation.

### Changing graduate programs

If for some reason you decide you want to switch between the above programs after the start of your second spring term, you will need to go through a formal petition process with the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies. This process is not recommended.