



## UMDNJ-Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences

### MASTER'S LABORATORY ROTATION APPROVAL FORM

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ MSBS: \_\_\_\_\_ MBS: \_\_\_\_\_

Mentor: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed start date: \_\_\_\_\_

The goal of the 2 credit master's laboratory rotation is to expose students to scientific research. This is accomplished by requiring students spend at least 60 hours in a research lab, as well as submit a final report to their mentor and the director (Dr. Stephen Garrett) of the Research in Biomedical Sciences course MSBS 593A. In contrast with a thesis, the research performed in a master's rotation does not necessarily have to be based on testing a hypothesis. For example, whereas one student might have their own project that is directed at asking a specific, if limited, question, another student might perform tasks that would be geared toward the creation of reagents or analysis of data. Students are expected to take part in lab discussions and meetings, have a general understanding of the work carried out in the lab, and have an understanding of the utility of their work to the lab.

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Rotation signatures:

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mentor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Students who have considerable previous laboratory research experience may request to be exempted from this requirement by the GSBS Assistant or Associate Dean, Dr. Garrett or Dr. Wagner, respectively. An exemption relieves a student of the requirement of doing the laboratory rotation, but does not contribute to the 30-credit requirement of the master's degree. Students who are exempted from the laboratory rotation must therefore obtain the 2 credits that are awarded for a laboratory rotation by enrolling in other course(s).

Exemption Approval:

Assistant or Associate Dean: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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The completed form must be submitted to the GSBS Office (MSB C696).