

DARTMOUTH

Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences
Graduate Program

PBS Mentoring Form 1 **Graduate student and Primary Advisor orientation meeting**

Student Name: _____

Primary Advisor Name: _____

Welcome to Dartmouth! Below is a checklist of topics that you might find helpful to cover with your advisor in your first orientation meeting, which you advisor will schedule with you during your first weeks on campus. Before the meeting you should read over this checklist for ideas of what you'll learn during that conversation. After the meeting, return this signed page to the PBS administration office by December 15.

Communication style

- What is the frequency and format of our communications?
- What communication tools do we use in the lab?
- How do you like to schedule meetings?
- What is the format of meetings to discuss research progress (one-on-one, small group, whole lab)? What is their frequency/duration?

Mentoring style / resources

- How do you mentor your students?
- What is your mentorship style like regarding career guidance?
- What is my mentoring team?
- What are the orientation and annual development meetings with my mentoring team?

Professional development

- What opportunities for mentoring do graduate students have? (Supervising undergraduate RAs, lab techs, etc.)
- What opportunities for honing communication and presentation skills do graduate students have? (Expectations regarding presenting in brown bag lunches, lab meetings, conferences, etc.)
- Are there any opportunities for developing classroom teaching skills?
- What are the ways to develop a scientific network outside of the lab? (Mentoring team, conferences, etc.)

Feedback

- What is the feedback culture like in the lab?
- How is feedback for improvement given?
- Do you have regular feedback meetings?
- How is guidance given for how to critique on research? (Journal clubs, research project meetings, etc.)

Scientific Communication and Writing

- What expectations do you have regarding the number of publications from my PhD?
- What is authorship like in the lab?
- How will feedback be given on scientific writing?
- What opportunities for feedback on scientific data presentation are there in the lab?

Acknowledgment that orientation meeting took place:

Meeting Date: _____

Graduate Student Signature: _____

Primary Advisor Signature: _____