



ORE Students Requiring a Fourth Rotation Policy

The majority of 1st year students match with a mentor after completing the standard three rotations. However, there are a few instances in which a student has not matched and/or requires an additional rotation to make the important selection of PhD mentor. Here, we outline the process for a PhD program to work with ORE and develop a plan for support of a 4th rotation.

With approval from the student's PhD program, ORE will consider supporting a student during a 4th rotation of 6 weeks starting on July 1st. Financial support will include stipend and 3 course credits during the summer semester. Program Directors will complete the 4th Rotation Request Form in late May/early June to notify the ORE Associate Dean of Research Education and the ORE Business Services Program Director of their request for a student to complete a 4th rotation. ORE will fund a fourth rotation for students who remain in good standing and have a viable path to securing a PhD mentor, contingent on the success of the rotation.

Students must be in good standing to be approved for a 4th rotation. Good standing entails maintaining a 3.0 GPA, as required by the Graduate School; attending all required Program events (e.g., courses, retreats, seminars, journal clubs, etc.); behaving in a professional manner (including timeliness to events, responding to emails within 24 business hours, and maintaining respectful, constructive communication with peers, faculty, and staff); fulfilling program requirements and meeting academic milestones in a timely manner, such as passing preliminary exam; and adhering to the university's code of conduct and professional standards. Failure to meet these expectations may result in academic probation or dismissal from the program.

The form can be accessed at:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/d383f13b3b824bf6974800207bf927bd>

The expectation is that the student will select a mentor and transfer to a department upon the completion of the 4th rotation to ensure they have financial support to pay for their fall tuition, stipend and fees. ORE will not pay for a student's fall tuition and fees. ORE will not support a 5th rotation for a student.