



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 continue to progress in their PhD Program. 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 48 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 and comprehensive exams, annual meetings with thesis committee, and submitting a dissertation proposal
- demonstrating satisfactory research progress
- Successfully joining the research group of a member of the PhD program at the end of year one or, if needed, after a successful 4th rotation;
- adhering to the university's code of conduct and professional standards.

Failure to meet any of these expectations is grounds for 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.