

August 11, 2011

Hi everyone! I hope you are all having a great summer.

***MCB Orientation** is on Friday, September 9th in the Magnuson Health Science Center, Room T-530. The meeting will begin at 9:30 AM and will include a continental breakfast. The overview of MCB Requirements will cover registering for classes. Everyone will take Lit Review (MCB 514, 515, 516) and Lab Rotation (MCB 599). The MCB Core Course offerings are listed on the MCB web site under Current Students/Courses. Below the Core Course is a list of departments. Each department will list the classes that are offered on their web site. If you see a class of interest, you can register for it before we meet in September. The majority of people wait until arrival in Seattle before registering for classes. The class list is always subject to change.

Campus map: <http://www.washington.edu/maps/>

The **Welcome BBQ** will be on Saturday, September 10th starting at 12:30 pm at Gas Works Park. It is hosted by last year's entering class. This gathering includes great food and company. Please feel free to invite people that are close to you. (Spouse, family or significant other)

Departmental Retreats: This year a new tradition for MCB Orientation is being established. In order to introduce you to faculty who are interested in rotation students and recruiting for students to join their lab, a series of talks will be held at three different locations: the Hutch, South Lake Union/UW Medicine and the main UW campus. The MCB Orientation Talks are mandatory so be aware of conflicting retreat dates. The attached retreat document will help you with your decisions. Once the MCB talks are completed you are free for the rest of the day.

Your first lab rotation must be finalized by the first day of class, September 28th. We encourage you to meet faculty members in September before you commit to a first rotation lab.

Environmental Health and Safety Classes will be held on Monday, September 26th in the Physics/Astronomy Building. You not only need to attend these workshops, but you have to sign up for them. The attached Lab Safety flier will tell you how and what classes to register for. These classes do fill up. It is important to *register today!*

\$\$\$ Money and Health Insurance \$\$\$

- Your payroll begins on September 16th. Your first paycheck will be Oct. 10th. In order to process your payroll, you will need to bring your passport *or* picture ID and social security card to the MCB Orientation.
- Your yearly salary will be \$27,336. Your monthly salary is \$2,279. Your tuition and health benefits are covered by the MCB Program. You will be responsible for a quarterly charge for student and activities fees. This charge is \$362 per quarter.

See the attached MCB-FAQs for explanation of fees as well as general information.

- Health Insurance goes into effect on October 1st. This includes health, vision and dental.

Immunization: Yes, **really**, it is true what they say. Unless you have submitted documentation that you have had the required shots you **will not** be able to register for classes. This is the web site for Hall Health:

<http://depts.washington.edu/hhpccweb/>

Transcripts: Original transcripts from all institutions you have attended must be sent to Graduate Admissions and the MCB Program. Once your final grades have been posted request your transcript to be sent to us.

Graduate Admissions
University of Washington
Box 352191
Seattle, WA 98195-2191

MCB Program
University Of Washington
Box 357275
Seattle, WA 98195-7275

MCB Website Student Profile: We have set up a basic profile for you on the MCB website. To complete your profile and make edits to it, go to the website <http://depts.washington.edu/mcb/> and login with your UW NetID next to the “Search this site” box at the top of the homepage. Then go to **People/Students** and find your name under student listings. Click on your name then **Student Profile** to upload a photo and make any edits at this time. Become familiar with your profile as you will need to make quarterly updates in your first year with your rotations and again when you choose your permanent lab and then annually to keep up with required information. Please note that you have been signed up for the MCB Newsletter “Transcript” and hope you’ll enjoy reading about your fellow students, etc.

That is it for now! Contact me anytime for questions. I look forward to seeing you soon!

Best wishes,

MaryEllin