

July 8, 2008

Hi everyone! I hope you are all having a great summer. The weather in Seattle has been great!

Departmental Retreats: As a MCB student, you are invited to departmental retreats. This is the best way to meet faculty and students to find out about the research that is being done in the various departments. The locations for many of these retreats are in beautiful areas of Washington. The department schedule is attached with this email.

The department retreat list includes contact emails. If you are interested in a department retreat, contact the person to get the details of the event. I would try and make these decisions within the next 2-3 weeks. Do not wait until the last moment. The spaces fill up! Please remember the retreat you attend costs the departments a lot of money per person – if you sign up – go!

***MCB Orientation** is on Friday, September 11th at the South Campus Center, Room 303. Breakfast will be served starting at 9:15 AM. The meeting will begin at 9:30 AM. The overview of MCB Requirements will include registering for classes. Everyone will take Lit Review and Lab Rotation. 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 offer on their web site. If you see a class of interest, you can register for it before we meet in September. You can also wait until you arrive in Seattle before you register for classes.

A Welcome BBQ will be on Saturday, September 12th 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)

Your **first lab rotation** must be finalized by the first day of class, September 30th. You can begin contacting faculty that you might be interested in via email during the summer. If you want to wait, you can meet people at the retreats before you decide where you want your first rotation to being.

Also, be prepared to sign up for payroll and have your picture taken during orientation. For **payroll** you will need to bring a passport or two pieces of ID (driver's license and social security card).

\$\$\$ 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 visa *or* picture ID and social security card to the MCB Orientation.

- Your yearly salary will be \$27,336. Your monthly salary is \$2,278. 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 about \$250 per quarter.
- Health Insurance goes into effect on October 1st. This includes health, vision and dental.

A **U-Pass** (bus transportation) will be sent to you with your registration information. The quarterly U-Pass Fee is included on the tuition bill each quarter. Students not participating in the U-Pass program may have the fee cancelled by returning the U-Pass sticker to Student Fiscal Services by the quarterly tuition due date. The U-Pass is sent to the address listed on MyUW. When you have a Seattle address, please update your MyUW account information.

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

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

Located on the MCB web site under Current Students/Incoming Students is a copy of the emails that you have received from us. Diane is in the process of creating a new list of Faculty Rotation Availability. The one currently on line is from 2008. I expect this list to be updated before the end of the August.

That is it for now! Contact me anytime for questions. I am more than happy to help you out! Have a great summer and I look forward to seeing you soon!

Best wishes,

MaryEllin

Attachments:

Departmental Retreat Schedule

Frequently Asked Question