

Berkeley-UCSF BioE First Year Checklist

August 2015:

- BioE Orientation @ UCSF Mission Bay (*Friday, August 21, 2015*)
- Research/Signup for Berkeley classes
 - BioE 301 (CCN: 07329) – Teaching Techniques for Bioengineering (Tuesday, 5-6PM)
 - BioE 200 (CCN: 06997) – Graduate Group Introductory Seminar (Monday, 5-6PM)
- First day of Berkeley classes (*Wednesday, August 26, 2015*)
- BioE Department Picnic, (*Friday, August 28, 2015 in McLaughlin Hall*)
- BEAST Welcome Picnic @ Codornices Park, Berkeley (*Sunday, August 23, 2015*)
- Register for BioE Retreat
- Start collecting CA residency documentation (voter registration, plane tix, credit card statements, CA driver's license, CA bank account, rental/lease agreement, etc.)
- Relax. (This is an imperative!)

September 2015:

- Research prospective rotation mentors and setup meetings with PIs.
- File UCSF study list (intent to register for classes) (<https://saa.ucsf.edu/studentportal>)
- Register for UCSF classes (<https://saa.ucsf.edu/studentportal>)
 - BioE 281 – Biological Aspects of Bioengineering (Monday, 5-6p)
- Commit first research rotation (*by Monday, September 14, 2015*)
- Start working on graduate fellowship applications.
- First day of UCSF classes (*September 24th*)

October 2015:

- Research second and third rotation mentors.
- Reflect on whether the classes you signed up for align with your interests.
- Work on graduate fellowship applications.
- Attend the 2015 BioE retreat in Asilomar!

November 2015:

- Finish/submit NSF Graduate Research Fellowship application (*late-October to mid-November 2015*)
- Research second and third rotation mentors.

December 2015:

- Last day to drop Berkeley classes (*early December 2015*)
- First research rotation ends (*early December 2015*)
- Submit research rotation evaluation to home campus (*early December 2015*)
- UCSF Fall Exams (*December 7, 2015 – December 11, 2015*)
- Berkeley Fall Exams (*December 14, 2015 – December 18, 2015*)
- Finish and submit NDSEG fellowship application (*mid-December 2014*)
- Finalize your second research rotation (*by mid-December 2014*)
- Attend the BEAST Winter Holiday part (*mid-December 2014*)
- Give yourself a high-five – you just finished your first half-year of your PhD!

January 2016:

- Register for winter quarter classes @ UCSF (*by Monday, January 4, 2016*)

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- Winter quarter classes start @ UCSF (*Monday, January 4, 2016*)
- Start second research rotation
- Register for spring semester classes @ Berkeley
- Spring semester classes start @ Berkeley (*Tuesday, January 19, 2016*)
- Research third rotation options.

February 2016:

- Research final rotation options.
- Explore the Bay Area and Tahoe.

March 2016:

- Winter quarter exams @ UCSF (*Monday, March 14, 2016 – Friday, March 18, 2016*)
- Second research rotation ends
- Berkeley Spring Break (*Monday, March 21, 2016 – Friday, March 25, 2016*)
- Submit second rotation evaluation form (*end of March 2016*)
- Finalize third rotation (*end of March 2016*).
- Register for spring quarter classes @ UCSF
- Spring quarter classes @ UCSF begin (*Monday, March 28th 2015*)
- Final research rotation begins!

April 2016:

- Start evaluating which lab you would like to join.

May 2016:

- Final rotation ends
- Last day to drop Berkeley classes (*early May 2016*)
- Spring exams @ Berkeley (*Monday, May 9, 2016 - Friday, May 13, 2016*)
- Submit final rotation evaluation form to home campus
- Meet with faculty advisor for your first year evaluation meeting
- Decide which lab you would like to join

June 2016:

- Spring quarter exams @ UCSF (*Monday, June 6th, 2016 – Friday, June 10, 2016*)
- Finish collecting CA residency documentation and paperwork and submit to home campus (*June 2016-July 2016*)
- Take a deep breath.
- Give yourself *another* high-five – you just completed your first year of your PhD!