To: Graduate Group Chairs  
From: Dr. Kelly Jordan-Sciutto, BGS Director  
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Re: Students Matriculating in June 2017

As we have done in previous years, we will allow incoming students to matriculate during the summer. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that in order to qualify for early matriculation, students need to do the following:

λ Perform a 12 week lab rotation, starting June 5. Please note that, with a start date of June 5, summer starters will only receive a pro-rated stipend for the month of June. Should their mentor decide on an earlier start date, the mentor will be responsible for the additional stipend.

λ Arrange for a mentor in advance, so that they know in which lab they will be rotating for the summer.

λ Agree not to take any vacation time during this 12 week rotation. Please note that by starting on June 5, they will complete their 12 weeks on August 25. Fall 2017 term begins on August 29.

λ Only those students who have provided BGS with an official transcript containing their final semester grades, graduation date and the degree conferred can be a June matric.

As you may recall, June matrics meet weekly for a lunchtime session devoted to developing their research presentation skills. This year, the sessions will be co-run by Dave Manning and me. We have found these sessions to also promote cohesion among this cohort (commonly <25 students) and help ease the transition to grad school.

I also encourage you to identify new students who would benefit from taking the BIOM 600 Summer Preparation workshop, regardless of whether they will matriculate in June. Students prepare for BIOM 600 by watching the previous year’s lectures and reading materials; they also meet with 2 senior graduate students for approximately 8-10 sessions to discuss the materials and do problem sets. As was the case last year, the workshop will be run entirely within the month of August, enabling more students (beyond the June matrics) to take advantage of it.

If you know of a new student who would like to matriculate early, please forward the request to Aislinn Wallace and Nam Narain. As BGS will have to process these students for summer payroll and possibly health insurance, graduate groups need to inform BGS by April 24 of any potential June matriculants. BGS will then send these students a letter reiterating the above conditions for early matriculation. May 8 will be the deadline for June matriculant to contact BGS with their answer, as well as the name of their summer rotation advisor. Please note that failure to meet any of these deadlines will result in the student losing his/her chance to start in June.

Cc: Graduate Group Coordinators