

## CMU Systems Neuroscience

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### **Application requirement?**

No

### **Graduate stipend (as of academic year 2022-2023)**

\$34200

### **Enrichment funds**

A few set models of computers that are purchased for students during their first year in the program. The travel policy is in flux at the moment, but the program will be rolling out some new guidelines soon that will most likely offer \$500 per year for conferences/professional development.

### **Health insurance coverage?**

Covered by graduate program with option to enroll in vision/dental for extra \$

### **Health insurance enrollment deadline**

September 9th

### **Does health insurance change if student is on a training grant or fellowship?**

Health insurance is the same regardless of support mechanism.

### **If awarded an F30/1, does the grad program decide how the institutional allowance is spent**

Yes

### **Internal funding sources**

Various institutional awards

### **Incoming graduate student orientation?**

Yes

### **Coursework registration dates**

Follows the standard CMU registration period which can vary from semester to semester.

### **Course requirements for MSTP**

Core Courses: Cog Neuro and Statistical Models of Brain

2 Electives

### **What and when are the milestones for MSTP students?**

Students have a 1st year milestone in their 9th month of the PhD program (oral presentation based largely on their rotation work) and a 2nd year milestone mid-year in their second year, where they should present a rough outline for a thesis topic and some preliminary data. Thesis proposals should happen at some point in their 4th-6th year and thesis committees should consist of their advisor plus at least 3 other faculty members. There are no specific publication requirement to graduate, but it is assumed a student would have at least one 1st author publication.

### **Required semesterly courses**

No

### **Teaching requirement**

There is, but it has been waived for MSTP students.

### **How does the graduate program assess whether MSTP students are on track**

Advisor, committee, end of semester graduate evaluation meetings, meeting milestones

### **Required meetings outside of thesis mentor**

Thesis committee