



# CTS PhD PROGRAM MILESTONES

Program Progress: Completion of the following items by defined due dates

## YEAR 1 (July 1 – June 30)

Three 8-week lab rotations (within first 6 months)

Mentor selection agreement and Degree Program Form due by 4/1

CORE coursework and electives

Thesis Advisory Committee (TAC)  
First progress meeting by 5/1

## YEAR 2 (July 1 – June 30)

Track-required coursework and electives

Thesis Advisory Committee (TAC) progress report due 1/1 and 7/1

Written Qualifying Exam by 6/30

Identify Qualifying Committee Members by 6/30

## YEAR 3 (July 1 – June 30)

Oral Qualifying Exam by 10/1

Thesis Advisory Committee (TAC) progress report due 1/1 and 7/1

## YEAR 4(+) (July 1 – June 30)

Projected thesis defense date by 10/1

Thesis Advisory Committee (TAC) progress report due by 1/1

Postdoctoral plans identified

Thesis defense by 6/30

### Program Expectations

- Attendance at CTSC 6110: Works in Progress (presentation/registration once for credit)
- Attendance at CTSC 6130: Journal Club (presentation/registration once for credit)
- Attendance at National Meeting (poster/oral presentation)
- Poster/oral presentations at specialty conferences