

## **2025-2026 PREPARING the QUALIFYING EXAM PROPOSAL SCHEDULE**

For PhD and MD-PhD students taking the *Spring 2026 Qualifying Exam*

Attendance mandatory for all sessions.

Materials for small group sessions are due by 12:00 noon the Monday before.

Wednesday, December 3, 2025 4:00-5:00pm, Zoom	<b>General Session: Introduction to Proposal Writing</b> Led by Drs. Joan Berman and Tina Calderon
Wednesday, December 10, 2025 4:00-5:00pm, Zoom	<b>General Session: Specific Aims and Experimental Design</b> Led by Drs. Joan Berman and Tina Calderon
Wednesday, January 14, 2026 4:00-5:00pm, In-person	<b>Small Group Session: Specific Aims</b> Led by faculty facilitators and advanced graduate student facilitators
Wednesday, January 28, 2026 4:00-5:00pm, In-person	<b>Small Group Session: Specific Aims</b> Led by faculty facilitators and advanced graduate student facilitators
Wednesday, February 11, 2026 4:00-5:00pm, In-person	<b>Small Group Session: Experimental Design</b> Led by faculty facilitators and advanced graduate student facilitators
Wednesday, February 25, 2026 4:00-5:00pm, In-person	<b>Small Group Session: Experimental Design</b> Led by faculty facilitators and advanced graduate student facilitators
Wednesday, March 4, 2026 4:00-5:00pm, Zoom	<b>General Session: Wrap-up; Background and Significance; Tying it all Together</b> Led by Drs. Joan Berman and Tina Calderon

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• The Qualifying Exam Timeline, Forms and Guidelines are available on the Graduate Division website:  
<https://einsteinmed.edu/education/phd/current-students/qualifying-exam.aspx>