

2026-2027 PREPARING the QUALIFYING EXAM PROPOSAL SCHEDULEFor PhD and MD-PhD students taking the *Spring 2027 Qualifying Exam***Attendance mandatory for all sessions.****Materials for small group sessions are due by 12:00 noon the Monday before.****GROUP A:** Monday, December 7, 2026**GROUP B:** Wednesday, December 9, 2026**General Session:** Introduction to Proposal Writing

Led by Drs. Joan Berman and Tina Calderon

1:30-2:30PM, In-person

GROUP A: Monday December 14, 2026**GROUP B:** Wednesday, December 16, 2026**General Session:** Specific Aims and Experimental Design

Led by Drs. Joan Berman and Tina Calderon

1:30-2:30PM, In-person

Wednesday, January 13, 2027

4:00-5:00PM, In-person

Small Group Session: Specific Aims

Led by faculty facilitators and advanced graduate student facilitators

Wednesday, January 27, 2027

4:00-5:00PM, In-person

Small Group Session: Specific Aims

Led by faculty facilitators and advanced graduate student facilitators

Wednesday, February 10, 2027

4:00-5:00PM, In-person

Small Group Session: Experimental Design

Led by faculty facilitators and advanced graduate student facilitators

Wednesday, February 24, 2027

4:00-5:00PM, In-person

Small Group Session: Experimental Design

Led by faculty facilitators and advanced graduate student facilitators

GROUP A: Monday, March 1, 2027**GROUP B:** Wednesday, March 3, 2027**General Session:** Wrap-up; Background and Significance; Tying it all Together

Led by Drs. Joan Berman and Tina Calderon

1:30-2:30PM, TBD