**Tips on Choosing a Lab Rotation & Home Lab**

**Things to do BEFORE Deciding on a Lab Rotation:**

1. Research your potential faculty mentor and lab’s research interests (whether online or via research papers, etc.).
2. Attend a group meeting of any lab that you’re interested in (contact the PI first to ask if you can come and observe).
3. Speak with students currently in the lab, or those who have done rotations in the lab before.
4. Interview at least 4 faculty members whom you are interested in rotating with, keeping in mind the following things:
   a. How closely do their research interests match yours?
   b. Do they have funding for you?
   c. Personality (can you work with this person)?
   d. Publication record (do students in the lab have a history of productivity?)
   e. Try to gain an idea of how welcome you’ll be in the lab and how much guidance you’ll get.

**Things to do BEFORE Joining a Lab:**

1. Interview other lab members and post-doctoral fellows to get a “first-hand” account of the conditions and expectations of the lab
2. Attend at least 1 group meeting prior to the deadline for joining a lab (April 30).
3. Make sure the PI is capable of providing funding support for you.