



TPCB Faculty Committee Requirements

Faculty committee requirements for TPCB students are listed below. These requirements meet or exceed those of the graduate schools in which students are formally matriculated. Committee selections should be made in consultation with the Major Sponsor (thesis advisor). Appointments of non-TPCB faculty members to these required committee slots are generally not permitted and require prior approval of the TPCB Program Director. However, additional faculty appointments above and beyond these requirements do not require approval.

For annual/semiannual meetings, TPCB students should submit a brief written summary of their research progress and plans to their committees at least 2 business days before the meeting. Students should also provide an updated copy of their Individual Development Plan, which is to be discussed by the full Committee during the career development portion of the meeting.

TPCB Deadlines

Candidacy exam: must be completed successfully by June 30 of Year 2
Annual meetings: must be completed by June 30 of Years 3 and 4
Semiannual meetings: must be completed by December 31 and June 30 of Year 5 and beyond

Any extensions must be requested in advance by formal written request to the TPCB Program Director.

Weill Cornell Graduate School of Medical Sciences

(applies to TPCB students in WCM and MSK thesis labs)

Candidacy exam: Admission to Candidacy Exam (ACE) Committee
Annual/semiannual meetings: Special Committee
Thesis defense: Final Examination Committee

TPCB requires 4 faculty members for all three committees:

- 1) Major Sponsor (WCM or MSK)
- 2) TPCB Faculty (WCM or MSK) – also serves as committee chairperson
- 3) TPCB Faculty (WCM or MSK)
- 4) TPCB Faculty (WCM or MSK or RU) – cannot be from same institution as thesis lab

The David Rockefeller Graduate Program

(applies to TPCB students in RU thesis labs)

Candidacy exam: Thesis Research Proposal (TRP) to Faculty Advisory Committee (FAC)
Annual/semiannual meetings: Faculty Advisory Committee (FAC)
Thesis defense: Thesis Committee

TPCB requires 4 faculty members for the FAC and an additional external examiner for the thesis defense:

- 1) Major Sponsor (RU)
- 2) TPCB Faculty (RU) – also serves as committee chairperson
- 3) TPCB Faculty (RU)
- 4) TPCB Faculty (WCM or MSK) – cannot be from same institution as thesis lab

For thesis defense only:

- 5) External Examiner (non-RU) – any institution, but may NOT be TPCB or Tri-I faculty