Roadmap to Your Thesis Lab

G1 Summer: Welcome to PiN!

- **Summer meeting with your Student Advisory Committee (SAC) advisor.** SAC advisors are great resources to brainstorm potential rotation labs!
- Browse faculty profiles on the **PiN website** and **Harvard Brain Initiative website**.
- **PiN orientation** offers a Canvas page with **online resources** like the **Approaching (Virtual) Lab Rotations** slide deck plus "live" Zoom events including a **Rotations Panel Discussion** and **Faculty Lightning Talks.**

G1 Academic Year

- **Discipline of Neuroscience (NB215)** will introduce you to new topics and a number of PiN faculty. Reach out to faculty to chat more about their research or other labs of interest.
- Additional **fall student programming** will help you further connect with students and learn about ongoing research.
- **Lab rotations** are the primary mechanism to help you find a thesis lab. You will complete a **minimum of 2 rotations, but we recommend completing at least 3.** Rotations are flexible in terms of start/end dates and duration. Will be a combination of in-person and virtual activities this year.
    - You will complete lab rotations reflections that will guide conversations with your SAC advisor.
- Reach out to PIs to talk about their labs. **Ask to sit in on lab meetings.** (See partial list of lab meeting times **here**). *This can be done in parallel with "official" rotations and doesn't require you to commit to a rotation.*
- **SAC advisor meetings** in **December** and **May** (as well as any time you'd like to talk - these are just the "officially" scheduled times!)
- **Seminar series** and other events (e.g. Nocturnal Journal Club) are other great ways to learn about research in our community.

G2 Summer

- Continuing rotating or settle into your home lab. More rotations can be beneficial - you're definitely not "behind" if you choose to keep rotating through the summer!

G2 Fall (Sept): Welcome to you Thesis Lab!

- Typically students commit to a thesis lab by **September 1**; however, the Program will be flexible (especially given current circumstances) to ensure that all students are able to find a lab that's right for them!

And of course, PiN program directors and administration are also here for you throughout this journey!