New BNS Master's degree guidelines Spring 2007

The Graduate School requires that in order for graduate students to be eligible for more than four semesters of state funding in their 3rd year, students must complete their Master degree requirements (MS degree) by the end of the second year or very beginning of the third year.

The BNS faculty have agreed upon the following formats to meet the Master’s degree requirements:

1. First-year spring semester:
   There will be an oral BNS lunch presentation outlining the research project (a copy of the power-point to the three committee members [mentor and 2 other faculty] prior to the talk).

2. Second year completion of the project:
   A) Formal written document (hand to committee 2 wks prior to defense).
      i.) First author publication: a submitted or to-be submitted manuscript.
      or
      ii) Research prospectus: This document will include an introduction, method, results to date, as well as a discussion section of the needed data for completion, theoretical and mechanistic explanations of the data, as well as future directions of the research.

   B) Oral defense with a committee.
   This is to be completed at BNS lunch in the spring semester of your second year. Summer defenses are difficult to schedule. However, if your committee allows a summer schedule, you must schedule it by May 20.