Guidelines for M2 research projects
Neurosciences Master

These guidelines define the responsabilities of the supervisor and student during the M2 research project. The following people should be aware of the content of this document: the M2 student; his immediate supervisor; the research team leader; the head of the laboratory/department (if different from the team leader).

The M2 student becomes a member of the research team in which his supervisor works. This team presents a potential project, which must be approved by the Director of the Neurosciences Master. The student must not do his M1 research project and his M2 research project in the same team.

The M2 research project is a professional experience that allows the student to acquire scientific and technical expertise in his speciality, as well as general skills which are also valuable in non-research contexts. (the ability to carry out a project, to research and analyse information, to work in a team; a critical thinking; ability to present information in a written and/or oral form; etc).

The research team leader proposes an original research project which is reasonable for an M2 student to carry out, in the time allotted for his work in the laboratory. The team leader also chooses a supervisor (full-time researcher or lecturer) within the team, who will interact with and guide the student on a daily basis during the research project. The supervisor and the research team leader ensure that the student has access to the materials, equipment, information, and literature that he needs to carry out his project.

The student who commits to working on the proposed project is expected to undertake all the necessary experiments and analyses to accomplish the project goals; he will do this with the supervision and advice of the project supervisor. The student is expected to apply himself to the research project, and to follow the normal procedures of the laboratory. He is also expected to participate fully in the other activities of the laboratory, such as lab meetings and seminars.

At the end of the 6-month research project, the student's work is submitted for evaluation to the jury of the Master. The student will submit a written report to this jury and will make an oral presentation to the same jury.
The results presented in the written report and in the oral presentation are expected to be the work of the student. If the student presents other results, he must indicate which people did the experiments.

The supervisor and the research team leader are expected to follow the work of the student and to advise him during the writing of the report as well as in preparing the oral presentation. In parallel, the student is expected to have his written and oral reports verified by his supervisor and the research team leader.

During the year, the student must provide his supervisor with all the practical information about the Master programme (schedules of taught courses and exams, instructions for the written and oral reports, etc.), as soon as this information is given to the student. In this way, the supervisor can plan the experimental programme with the student, and this will allow both the successful completion of the experimental work and an appropriate amount of study time for exams.

If a conflict arises between the supervisor and the student, the research team leader should mediate to find a solution. If this appears to be impossible, then the Director of the Neurosciences Master should be notified so that he can intervene and resolve the problem as quickly as possible.

Date :
The Student *: (SURNAME, Name, Signature)* The supervisor*: (SURNAME, Name, Signature)*

The team leader
(SURNAME, Name, Signature)

The laboratory director
(SURNAME, Name, Stamp and signature)

The director of the Neurosciences Speciality
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