Documents to take unless already completed:

Find links at qbios.gatech.edu, my QBioS tab.

Thesis Committee Membership Form

Program of Study for QBioS

Doctoral Minor

Topics to Discuss  
Students generally give a PowerPoint about their research progress. You can ask current PhD students for examples.

* Course work taken
* Timeline for PhD
* Research Topic

You should prepare a short description of your research plans (~20 minutes, no more than 25 minutes). Here are some categories that you could consider covering, which can be modified based on the amount of preliminary results you have thus far. The intent is to give the committee some general sense of your plans, focusing largely on:

* Introduction to the topic
* Background and significance
* Potential thesis aims
* Preliminary results
* Potential research strategies

Note that the first meeting is meant to provide critical input in advance of your candidacy exam. The written proposal is described in the handbook and will include more detailed description of your research strategy, breakdown of aims, preliminary results, and expected timeline.

After the meeting

Student: Inform Lisa and update your profile at the QBioS student login page.

Committee chair: Provide a ~1/2 - 1 page summary to the student (and cc-Lisa) covering 3 topics:

**Program of study:** Provide brief feedback on the courses taken thus far, progress in coursework, and identify any deficits or needs moving forward, if applicable.

**Writing requirement:** Provide brief feedback on scientific writing progress, including long-form reports in classes (e.g., final paper for QBioS 8814), articles, or formal writing coursework.

**Thesis proposal:** Provide feedback on the status of the thesis topic and offer preliminary advice on progress that would help advance the written and oral thesis proposal.