NRT MIDAS traineeship timeline (Year 1)

• Fall Before Year 1 in NRT program (all trainees)

 NRT trainees selected in mid-December – some funded for 2 years/1.5 years/1 year and some for a semester; primary advisor responsible for funding outside of this NRT support

• Year 1 of NRT program - Winter & Spring (all trainees)

- NRT trainees continue to take their PhD core & elective courses in their respective departments
- NRT trainees start their **research** (same timeline as other non-NRT students in your departments)
- NRT trainees attend **NRT community hours** (see last slide on what happens in these hours)

• Year 1 of NRT program- Summer (all trainees)

 Summer community outreach: All NRT trainees pair up to plan and create coordinated activities for outreach to the public/local community – learn to effectively communicate their research work with public and non-scientist audience

• Year 1 of NRT program - Fall (all trainees)

Present a technical poster on their ongoing thesis work in one NRT community hour.
 By the end of Year 1 of NRT the NRT trainees should have completed at least one technical elective in the primary discipline and one technical elective in secondary discipline.

NRT MIDAS traineeship timeline (Year 2)

Year 2 of NRT program – Winter (all trainees)

• NRT trainees continue to do their **research** and **attend one NRT community event**

Year 2 of NRT program - Spring (all trainees)

- All trainees take mandatory NRT course CHEG/MSEG/CISC/ECEG 848 Computing and Data Science for Soft Materials Innovation.
 - In this course, interdisciplinary groups of graduate students work in teams of 3-4 with each team tackling one project submitted by industry/ national lab using computing tools

 Instructor(s) teach molecular modeling and simulation, high performance computing, and machine learning with emphasis towards application of these tools to soft materials problems.
 Students apply these computational tools to solve the industry or national lab problem throughout the semester
 - Students also learn and practice collaborative teamwork, and oral + written communications training regularly; professional skills in interdisciplinary work environment

NRT MIDAS traineeship timeline (Year 2 continued)

Year 2 of NRT program – Summer (mandatory for funded trainees)

For those interested in industry or national lab

Industry/National Lab Internship

For the entire summer, NRT trainees gain on-site experience with one of our partner companies who combine data science and computing for solving materials problems.

Mandatory for NRT-funded UD & DSU trainees interested in industry/national lab career

OR

For those interested in academia

2-part Teaching Certificate Program

Part 1 Effective teaching workshop by NRT core faculty in Y2 summer

Part 2 Teaching fellowship in core/elective/NRT course in Y2 Fall or Y3 Spring semester

Open to all NRT trainees (regardless of funding) and other students enrolled in UD & DSU

Year 2 of NRT program – Fall (mandatory for funded trainees)

 NRT trainees will present a talk in the NRT community hour to share what they have learned from Summer internship/teaching certificate; we also want to hear how they are combining technical and professional skills they have learned so far in their thesis work.

NRT community activities – throughout the traineeship

Fall & Spring NRT Community Hours

Professional skills development

- RCR (Responsible Conduct in Research)
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion
- & Respect (DEIR)
- Ethics in Data Science
- Effective Communications
- Team Building

Networking opportunities

 Speakers from Industry, Academia & National Lab

NRT Community Gathering

• NRT Trainees' poster presentations



Successful completion of all of the above NRT training elements will earn you a

University of Delaware's Graduate Certificate in Computing and Data Science for Soft Materials