

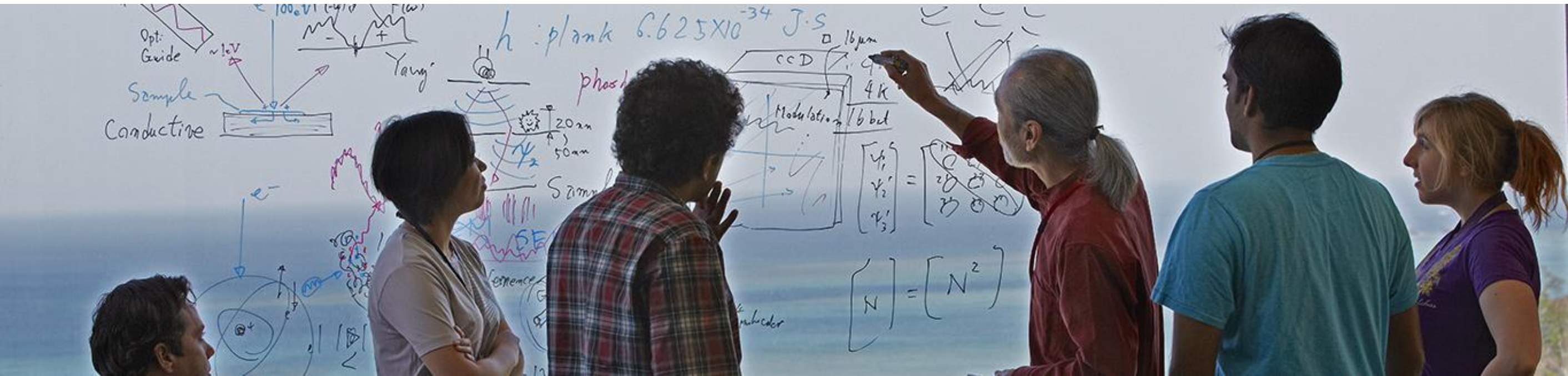
OIST Mission and Culture

- To provide world-class research and education
- To contribute to economic development with scientific advancement
- We conduct all teaching and research in English



OIST Program Features

- Small student intake ensures an excellent faculty to student ratio
- Emphasis on creativity and exchange
- Individually-tailored curriculum and coursework
- Working side by side with world-class faculty and researchers from the very beginning
- Lab rotation encourages participation in fields outside of specialization



Academic Terms

Term 1	1 September – 31 December
Term 2	1 January – 30 April
Term 3	1 May – 31 August

Detailed dates: <https://groups.oist.jp/grad/academic-year-dates>

OIST PhD Program Structure

Year 1	Lab Rotation 1	Mandatory & Elective Courses	Professional and Career Development (PCD) I
	Lab Rotation 2		
	Lab Rotation 3		
Year 2	Thesis Supervisor Nomination ↓ Thesis Proposal Examination		
Year 3-5	Thesis Research ↓ Thesis Defense		Professional and Career Development (PCD) II
After Graduation	opportunity of Junior Research Fellow (upto 6 months)		

Credit Requirement

Degree	Required credit	Credit breakdown
BSc	30	12 from mandatory 18 from electives
MSc or equivalent	20 (minimum)	12 from mandatory 8 from electives

- Elective: 2 credits per course, 1 credit for special course
- Mandatory: 2 credits for PD, 9 credits for Lab rotations, 1 credit for Thesis proposal
- Must take out-of-field course(s) from electives
- List of courses: <https://groups.oist.jp/grad/courses-term-0>

Class Schedule

- One course – about 15 weeks
- Public holidays in Japan = no class
- Teaching break \neq your break!
- Detailed dates: <https://groups.oist.jp/grad/academic-year-dates>

Approx. 2 nd week of the term	Courses begin
End of the first month	Course change deadline
End of the term	Final Fortnight*

*The Final Fortnight is reserved for intensive courses, for examinations and other non-curricular sessions, or to replace parts of courses missed due to cancellation, sickness, absence, or natural disasters.

Lab Rotation

- One rotation each term
- Three rotations with at least **one out-of-field**
- 4th rotation is possible if needed
- Proposal and report submitted via webform: <https://groups.oist.jp/grad/lab-rotation>
- Three rotations complete = 9 credits

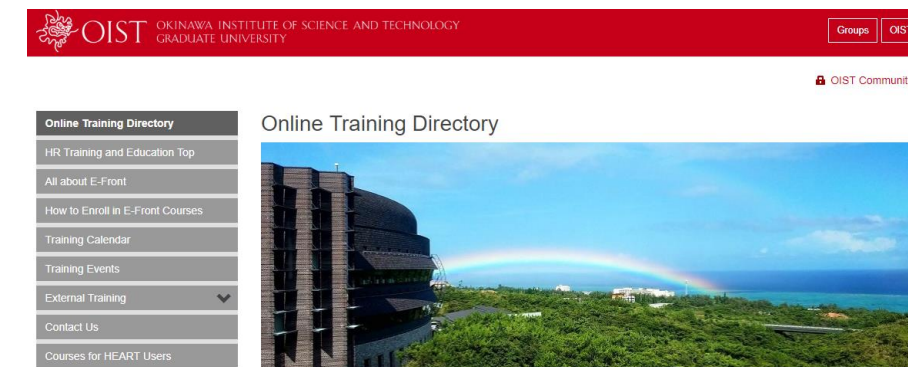


Mandatory Online Training

Online Training Directory on TIDA

<https://groups.oist.jp/hrtraining/online-training-directory>

- Mandatory for all Employee: 7 courses
 - Mandatory for Lab Members and Research Support Staff: 6 courses
 - * Complete them before lab rotation starts
 - * They are requirement for PD1 course credit
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- Mandatory for Specific Activities
 - *Check with Lab Rotation Supervisor



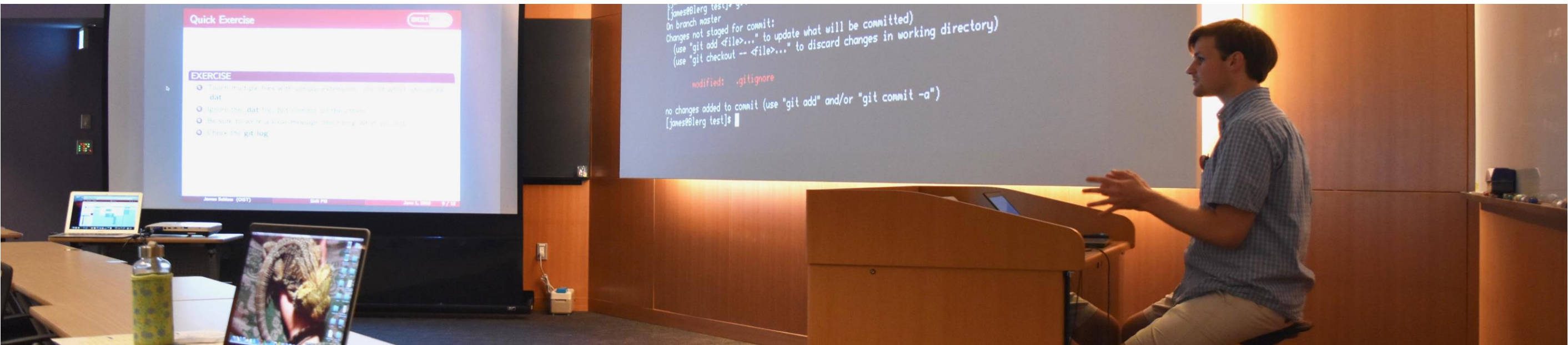
Mentor

- Mentors are matched with each student by Graduate School
- The Mentor is responsible for your academic development and program, and further your welfare
- Meet with your mentor at least once per term and discuss your progress
- You are responsible for ensuring accuracy of your student record
- Mentor serves as one of 3 members of your thesis committee
- Your Mentor is NOT your thesis supervisor



Student Career Development

- Professional Development courses are mandatory
- Skill Pills – extracurricular nano-courses – provide additional training
- Regular visiting speakers and international workshops provide global networking opportunities for an international career in science
- OIST faculty are well-connected in Japan and abroad

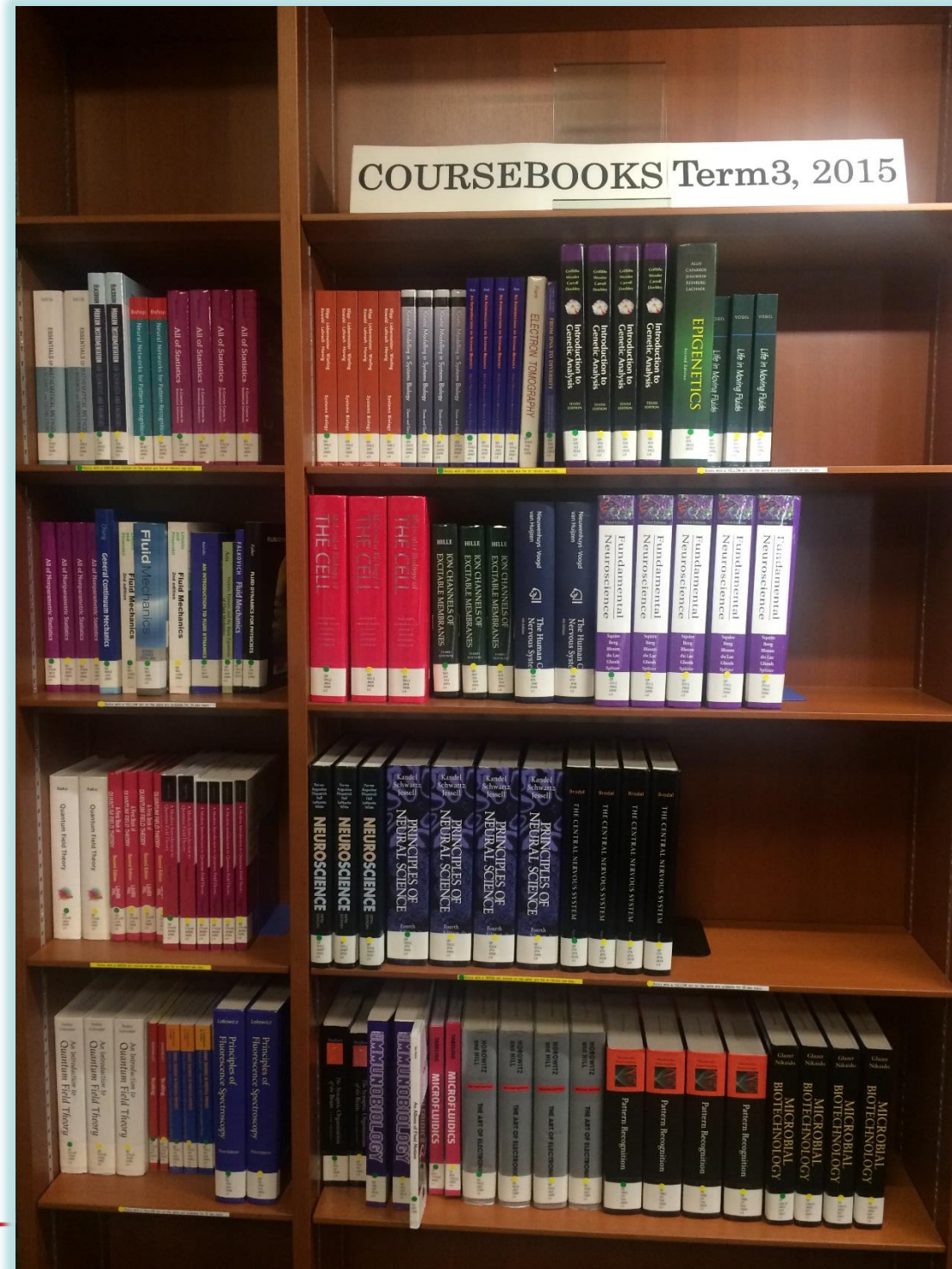


OIST Library Facilities

- ◆ Level B, Center Building
- ◆ Business Hours: 9:00-17:30 pm (Mon-Fri)
- ◆ Staffed services are available during the business hours
- ◆ 24/7 open for OIST students, researchers & faculty
- ◆ 4 Mac PCs & 1 Windows PC
- ◆ Visit: <https://groups.oist.jp/library>
- ◆ Contact: library@oist.jp



Course Books



Thank you!



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Links

- TIDA

<https://tida.oist.jp/>

- Grad School Site (Courses, Forms, Handbook, etc.)

<https://groups.oist.jp/grad/student-logins>

