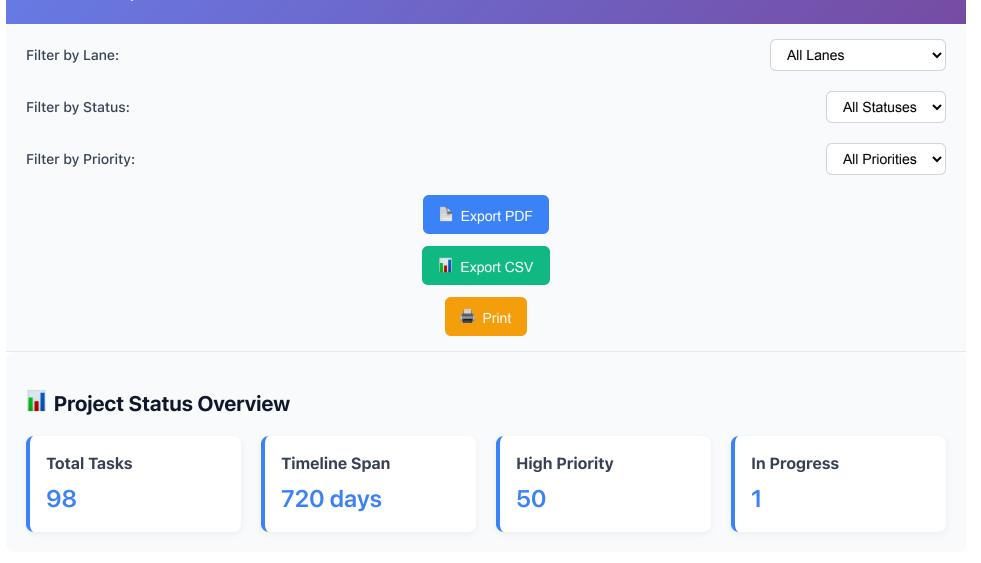
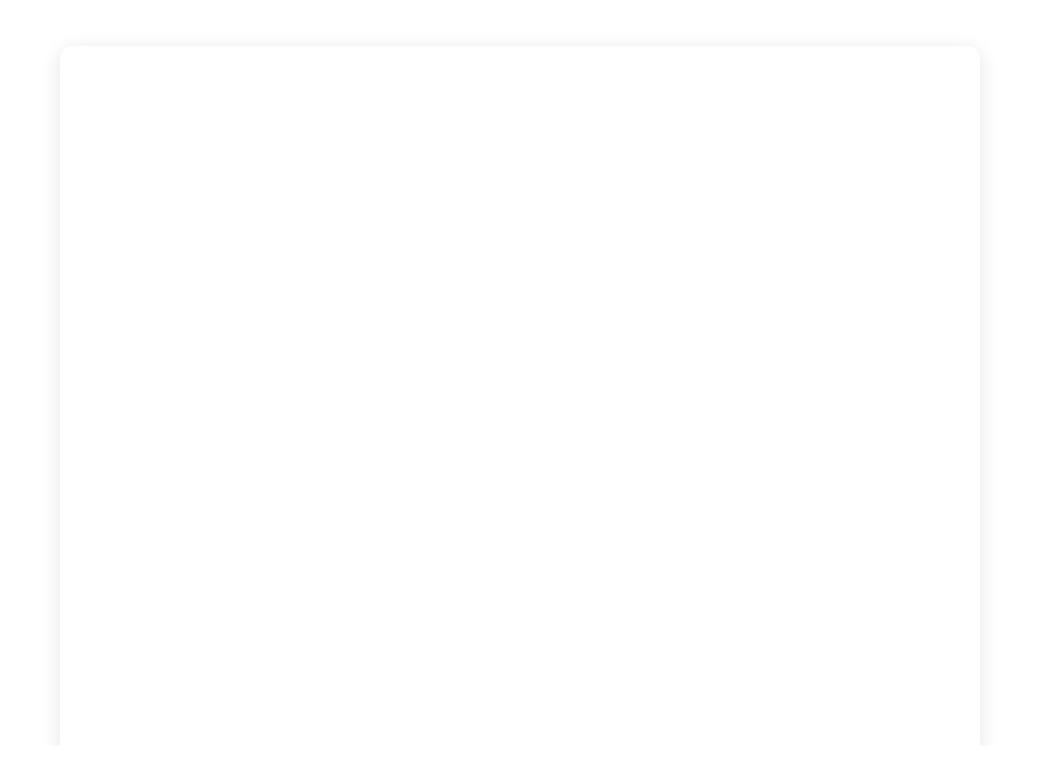
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Draft timeline v1 (for Tuesday review)

Planning Document • Aaron • In Progress • High

Initial proposal skeleton (Specific Aims & outline)

Proposal Draft • Aaron • Planned • High

Milestone: Submit proposal outline to advisor

Milestone · Aaron · Planned · High

Proposal outline → full draft (12-page Research Strategy)

Proposal Draft • Aaron • Planned • High

Define proposal committee & confirm availability

Committee Formation • Aaron • Planned • High

Complete written proposal draft (for committee)

Proposal Draft • Aaron • Planned • High

Proposal presentation prep (slides & practice talks)

Presentation Prep • Aaron • Planned • High

Address committee feedback on proposal

Document Revision • Aaron • Planned • High

Milestone: Proposal exam date confirmed

Committee Milestone • Aaron • Planned • High

Milestone: Send proposal to committee (≥2 weeks before exam)

Committee Milestone · Aaron · Planned · High



Oral PhD Proposal Exam (Qualifying Exam) Committee Milestone • Aaron • Planned • High PhD Dissertation & Defense Completion Committee Milestone • Aaron • Planned • High

Draft Dissertation: Introduction & Background
Dissertation Chapter • Aaron • Planned • Medium

Draft Dissertation: Aim 1 Methods & ResultsDissertation Chapter • Aaron • Planned • Medium

Draft Dissertation: Aim 2 Methods & ResultsDissertation Chapter • Aaron • Planned • Medium

Circulate preliminary results (methods & data) to committee

Committee Feedback • Aaron • Planned • Medium

Draft Dissertation: Aim 3 Methods & Results
Dissertation Chapter • Aaron • Planned • Medium

Draft Dissertation: Conclusions & Future Work
Dissertation Chapter • Aaron • Planned • Medium

Schedule final oral defense (coordinate committee & form)

Committee Milestone • Aaron • Planned • High

Prepare professional development & IDP section (for defense)

Defense Prep · Aaron · Planned · Medium

Milestone: Full dissertation draft completed

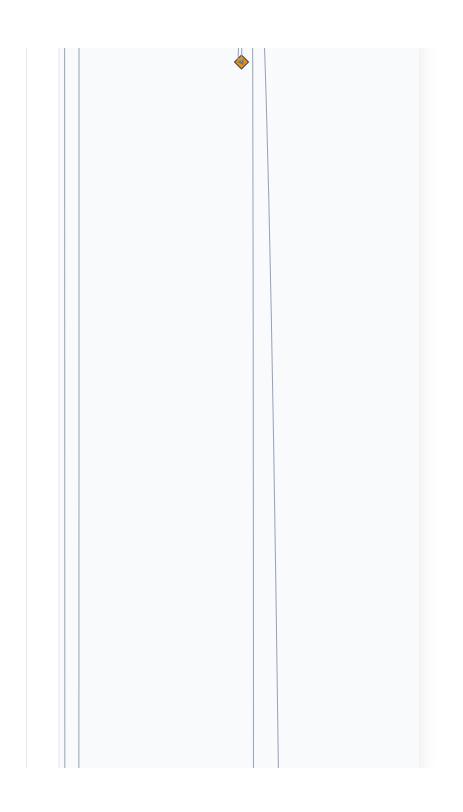
Milestone • Aaron • Planned • High

Update committee membership (if changes needed)

Administrative Task • Aaron • Planned • Medium

Apply to graduate (Summer 2027 term)

Administrative Deadline • Aaron • Planned • High

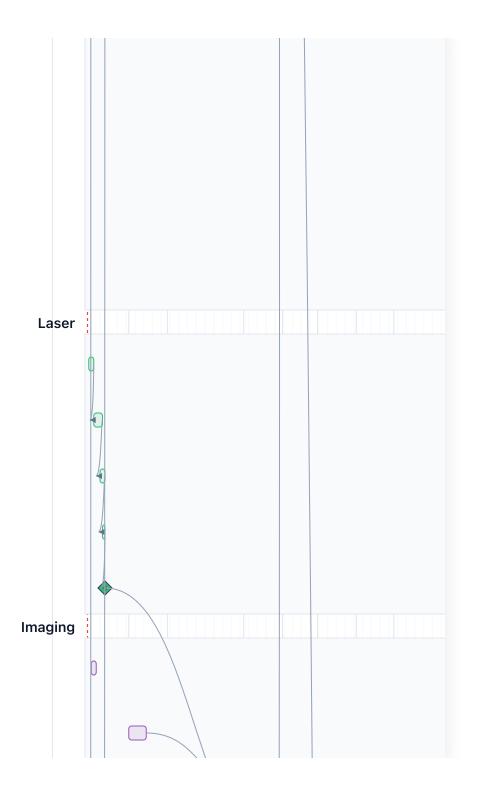


Finalize post-graduation plans (postdoc/job transition) Career Prep • Aaron • Planned • Low PhD Final Oral Defense (Dissertation Defense) Committee Milestone • Aaron • Planned • High Revise dissertation per committee feedback Document Revision • Aaron • Planned • High Submit final dissertation to Graduate School Committee Milestone • Aaron • Planned • High Complete exit paperwork and surveys Administrative Task • Aaron • Planned • Medium Seed laser alignment to ≥30 mW (pre-pump) Laser Alignment • Aaron • Planned • Medium Amplifier alignment to ≥130 mW output Laser Alignment • Aaron • Planned • Medium Pulse compression check (≤200 fs pulses) Laser Alignment • Aaron • Planned • Medium Calibrate microscope with USAF target Laser Alignment • Aaron • Planned • Medium Milestone: Laser system ready for in vivo imaging Milestone · Aaron · Planned · High Plan imaging cohort (≈3 pilot mice) + IACUC approvals Experiment Planning • Aaron • Planned • Medium

Design & order AAV-mScarlet & jRGECO1b vectors (vascular &

neuronal labels)

AAV Production . Aaron . Planned . High



Milestone: AAV vectors ready for in vivo use

Milestone • Aaron • Planned • High

Cranial window surgery + AAV injection - Pilot Mouse #1

Surgery • Aaron • Planned • High

Post-op recovery – Pilot Mouse #1 (no imaging)

Post-Op Care · Aaron · Planned · High

Develop U-Net segmentation pipeline (initial version)

Analysis Pipeline • Aaron • Planned • Medium

Cranial window surgery + AAV injection – Pilot Mouse #2

Surgery • Aaron • Planned • High

Post-op recovery – Pilot Mouse #2 (no imaging)

Post-Op Care • Aaron • Planned • High

Cranial window surgery + AAV injection – Pilot Mouse #3

Surgery • Aaron • Planned • High

Post-op recovery - Pilot Mouse #3 (no imaging)

Post-Op Care · Aaron · Planned · High

Pilot imaging session #1 (AAV vs dye)

Imaging Session • Aaron • Planned • High

Process pilot imaging data (registration & SNR analysis)

Data Analysis • Aaron • Planned • Medium

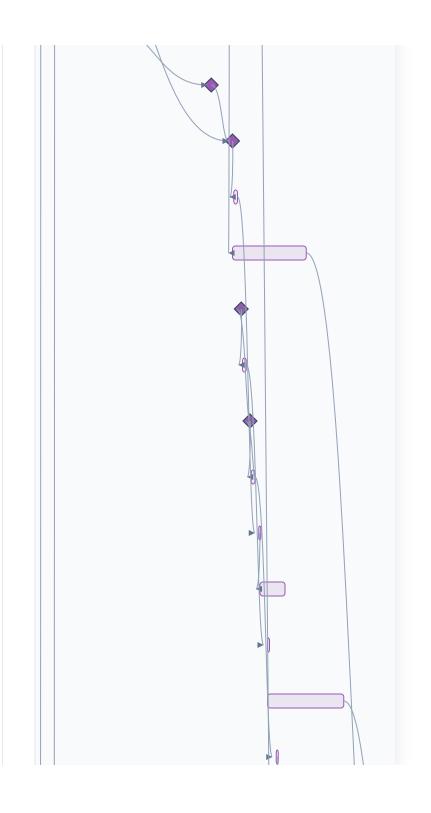
Pilot imaging session #2 (AAV vs dye)

Imaging Session • Aaron • Planned • High

Deliver enhancer-based AAV for improved expression (Aim 2)

AAV Production • Aaron • Planned • Medium

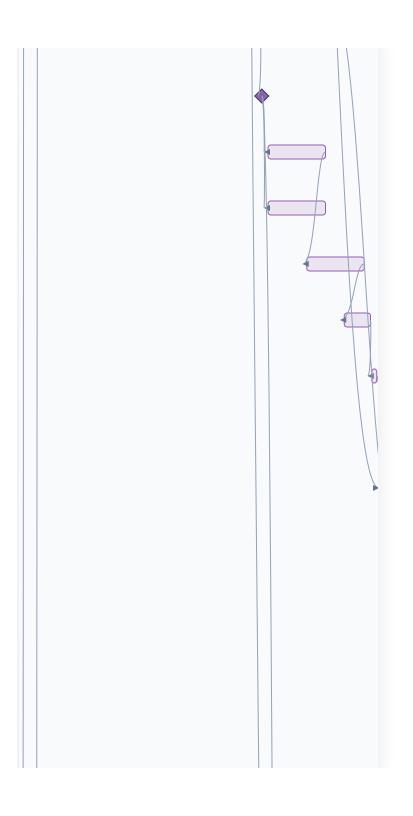
Pilot imaging session #3 (AAV vs dye)



Imaging Session • Aaron • Planned • High Milestone: Pilot imaging datasets (Aim 1 validation) complete Milestone · Aaron · Planned · High Optimize two-photon dual-color imaging setup System Optimization • Aaron • Planned • Medium Optimize laser speckle (LSCI) imaging integration System Optimization • Aaron • Planned • Medium Conduct systematic imaging comparisons (labeling methods) Imaging Experiment • Aaron • Planned • Medium Establish stroke model protocol (training & IACUC approval) Surgery Prep • Aaron • Planned • High Induce stroke in experimental cohort (surgery) Surgery • Aaron • Planned • High Acute-phase post-stroke imaging (0–1 week post-stroke) Imaging Session • Aaron • Planned • High Refine ML segmentation & analysis pipeline (stroke data) Analysis Pipeline • Aaron • Planned • Medium Milestone: Enhancer-based AAV vector delivered Milestone · Aaron · Planned · High Transition-phase imaging (2–4 weeks post-stroke) Imaging Session • Aaron • Planned • High Stabilization-phase imaging (5–8 weeks post-stroke) Imaging Session • Aaron • Planned • High Extended chronic-phase imaging (~12 weeks post-stroke)

Imaging Session • Aaron • Planned • Medium

Milestone: All stroke imaging data acquired



Milestone · Aaron · Planned · High Integrate LSCI flow data with two-photon results Data Analysis • Aaron • Planned • Medium Network & neurovascular coupling analysis (post-stroke) Data Analysis • Aaron • Planned • High Finalize all quantitative analyses (imaging data) Data Analysis • Aaron • Planned • High Admin/Accountability Strict carprofen schedule – SOP review & backups Animal Care Protocol • Aaron • Planned • High Rig log & Slack updates after any optical change Safety Protocol • Aaron • Planned • Medium SPIE 2025 Annual Report & 2026 Grant Application Grant Application • Aaron • Planned • High Review SPIE chapter requirements & timeline Preparation • Aaron • Planned • Medium Gather chapter activity data and documentation (2025) Documentation • Aaron • Planned • Medium Draft SPIE Annual Report + 2026 Grant proposal Report Draft • Aaron • Planned • Medium Advisor review of SPIE report draft Review Meeting • Aaron • Planned • Medium Submit SPIE Annual Report & Grant Application (2025 deadline) Submission Deadline • Aaron • Planned • High Admin: Annual progress review (department form) 2025 Progress Review Form • Aaron • Planned • High

Milestone: 1:1 meeting to review timeline

Meeting · Aaron · Planned · Medium

Weekly 1:1 with advisor (Tues 3:30pm) - Fall 2025

Meeting · Aaron · Planned · Medium

Take ownership of microscope (SOPs & training plan)

Training Plan • Aaron • Planned • Medium

Admin: Proposal exam paperwork (room booking, forms, POW)

Administrative Task • Aaron • Planned • High

Rig log & Slack updates (optical changes) - Year 6

Safety Protocol • Aaron • Planned • Medium

Weekly 1:1 with advisor (Tues 3:30pm) - Spring 2026

Meeting • Aaron • Planned • Medium

Implement automated QC checks & data backup

Automation • Aaron • Planned • Medium

Apply for TA position (Fall 2026 term)

Application • Aaron • Planned • Medium

SPIE chapter leadership transition to new officers

Transition Plan • Aaron • Planned • Medium

Train surgical assistant in stroke surgery protocol

Training • Aaron • Planned • Medium

Admin: SPIE 2026 Annual Report & 2027 Grant Application

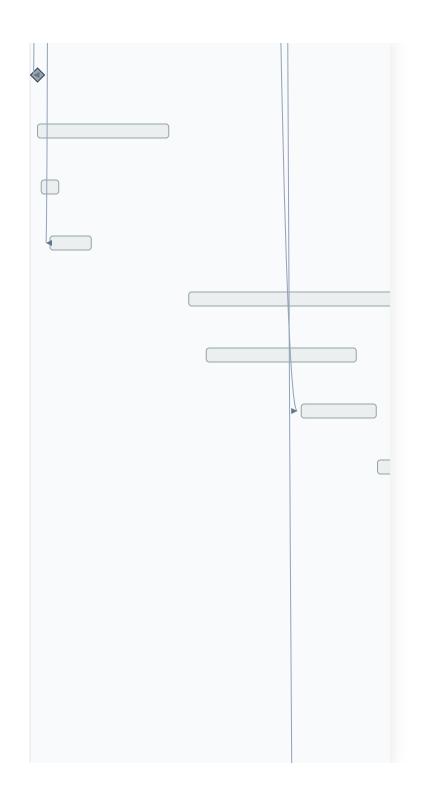
Grant Application • Aaron • Planned • High

Compile 2026 chapter events, finances, member list

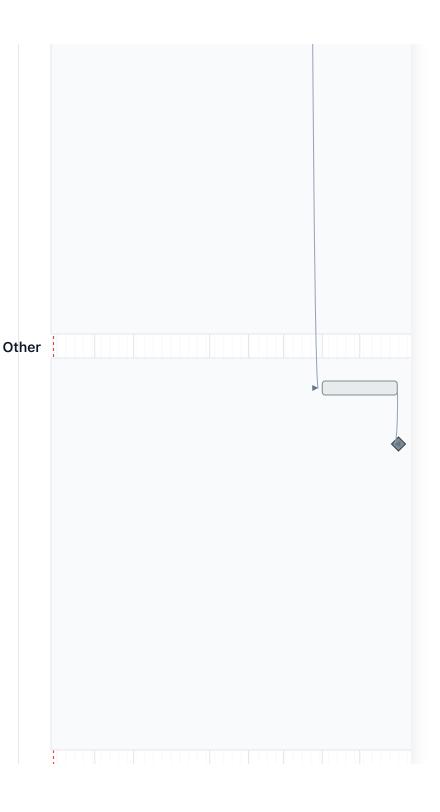
Documentation • Aaron • Planned • Medium

Draft 2026 Annual Report & 2027 Activity Grant request

Report Draft · Aaron · Planned · Medium



Finalize and submit SPIE report & grant (2026) Submission Deadline • Aaron • Planned • High Teaching Assignment – Serve as TA (Fall 2026) Teaching Assignment • Aaron • Planned • Medium Admin: Annual progress review (department form) 2026 Progress Review Form • Aaron • Planned • High Weekly 1:1 with advisor (Tues 3:30pm) – Fall 2026 Meeting · Aaron · Planned · Medium Weekly 1:1 with advisor (Tues 3:30pm) – Spring 2027 Meeting • Aaron • Planned • Medium Draft methodology paper on AAV-based imaging (Aim 1 results) Manuscript Draft • Aaron • Planned • Medium Submit methodology paper to journal Manuscript Submitted • Aaron • Planned • High Draft second manuscript (Aim 2/3 research results) Manuscript Draft • Aaron • Planned • Medium Prepare conference presentation (research results) Conference Presentation • Aaron • Planned • Medium Submit second manuscript for publication Manuscript Submitted • Aaron • Planned • High Draft third manuscript (additional results) Manuscript Draft • Aaron • Planned • Low Submit third manuscript for publication Manuscript Submitted • Aaron • Planned • Low



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