

Choosing a Supervisor

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Duties of a Supervisor

- Assess your progress through the program
- Determine your suitability to continue
- Help select and Chair your thesis supervisory committee and,
 - o meet regularly with you;
 - o review your thesis proposal and recommend its approval
 - o review the your progress on the thesis
 - o evaluate a thesis readiness to be examined
 - o ensure that a copy of the student's thesis is sent to each member of the student's Examining Committee
- Work with you to select appropriate courses
- Help you select a research topic
- Guide your research effort
- Guide you in the preparation of your thesis arguments in document form
- Sit on your examination committee

Strategies for Selecting a Supervisor

Do not trust others in this decision and do not be unduly influenced by the performance of a professor in non-supervisory tasks,

Because:

The prof. teaches well or badly, is late or early for meetings, dresses well or badly actually tells you very little about how good a fit they might be with you.

Criteria for choosing a supervisor

- **Money talks**
- **They should know about the area you want to investigate**
- **Check their availability**
- **They should be compatible with you**
- **They play nice with others**
- **They have a track record**

THANK YOU

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