

Notes for Thursday Sept 26, 2019

1. If you don't already have a project/supervisor you should be spending all your free time trying to find one. You have to be proactive and starting looking on your B list. Make appointments to talk with a few potential supervisors. TRIUMF, BC Cancer, Math Department, Biology, Chemistry, Earth and Ocean Science, Medicine all OK. Common denominator is some Physics or at least a topic that would be interesting to some of us (e.g. bio-informatics). Your supervisor should be a faculty member or scientist. Postdocs in a larger group are also possible but there should be some more senior person who oversees the project (e.g. group meetings), even if the head of the group is not doing any day to day or week to week supervision.
2. As soon as you have decided on a project send me an email with the following information:
Supervisor's name, affiliation and email:
Title of the project
Short (half page) description of the project

3. Dates for the proposal talks are now fixed to be Tu Nov 19 (12-7), Wed Nov 20 (12-7) and Fr Nov. 22 (12-7) in Hennings 318.
You are expected to evaluate 10 talks in total. Each of them is 30 minutes including questions. If you are going to be away that week let me know asap.

I will be sending out an email next month asking for restrictions on when you can give you talk and when you can't during this period. You have to answer it within a few days. Otherwise I will assume you have no restrictions. Just a note your supervisor will not attend your talk but you must practice your talk and get some feedback from him/her or the group.

4. **Warmup exercise:** Once you have a project/supervisor request from your supervisor for a copy of his/her recent NSERC/ CIHR grant proposal that is most closely related to your project. Read it carefully. In your own words describe the main scientific motivation and the proposed methods the grant. Be prepared to say a few words about it at our next meeting.
5. Let's look at the evaluation form and try to evaluate a few example proposals from previous years.