

What to Look for in a Supervisor

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What does an advisor do?



- Helps you find funding
- Helps you develop ideas and projects
- Guides your research
- Connects you with others who will help you



Aligning Your Interests with an Advisor



What is important when picking an advisor?

- Region
- Methods
- Theory
- Prestige?? - just because someone is famous doesn't mean they are a good advisor!
- But that's not all!
 - Approach to mentoring
 - The rest of the department





Evaluating Advisor Fit

- Reach out to them! – email, phone calls
- Talk to their current or former students - especially women
- Speak to others who work with them
- What are they involved in? – what kinds of projects? Publications?





Support Beyond Your Advisor

- Other faculty
 - In and outside your department
- Peer networks
 - In and outside your department
- Staff – administrators, lab technicians

