

# THINGS TO CONSIDER **BEFORE** A PHD

## FIND A GOOD SUPERVISOR

- Ask questions, lots of it (work / life balance, financial status, the program, the institute, etc.).
- Talk to current group members.
- Look at the track-record of graduating PhDs.
- Get an external mentor to guide and support you.

## IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

- Doing a PhD is a huge commitment, make sure you want it.
- Do you need a PhD for your future career?
- Is this the right time to start?
- Financial considerations.
- Be mentally prepared.

## CHOOSE A PROJECT THAT FITS YOU

- Be ambitious, but realistic.
- Make sure you and the lab can perform the suggested research (funding, expertise, facilities).
- Choose something you are passionate about (!)

## WHAT IS EXPECTED FROM YOU?

- Find out the expectations from the institute and your supervisor beforehand (work load, number of publications, courses, requirements for your thesis, time restrictions, etc.).