

First meeting with the supervisor

We have created a list of questions to help get you started when discussing your supervision relationship:

- How often will you meet to discuss your progress or work on problems together?
- How does your supervisor usually give feedback (regularly or only when asked)? What kind of feedback do you expect?
- How does the overall communication work? Is there an open-door policy? Which medium of communication does each person prefer (in person meetings, calls, emails, etc.)?
- Where would you need help or supervision in particular?

- Time schedule and possible milestones of the doctoral research
- Expected working hours / Work-life balance
- What is the working culture in the research group?

- Does your supervisor have international contacts that could be of interest to you?
- Are there opportunities to go abroad for a research stay? (funded by your supervisor or the BMS)
- Are you expected to / Do you have the opportunity to regularly visit conferences/ workshops/ summer or winter schools?

- Which journals are important for your scientific field / community?
- Are you expected to publish a paper before completing your dissertation?

- Which official requirements need to be fulfilled (Doctoral Regulations of the university)?

- Which subject-specific courses and transferable skills courses are you going to take? (BMS soft-skills seminars, Advanced Courses etc.)