If you are applying to a research program offered at the Telfer School of Management, you will need either a project supervisor or a thesis supervisor, depending on the program you are applying to.

WHEN TO LOOK FOR A SUPERVISOR

You will need to find a potential thesis supervisor **before you apply** to the following programs:

- MSc MGT - Thesis (Two-year)
- MSc HS - Thesis (Two-year)
- PhD in Management

You will need to start looking for a potential research project supervisor **once you have started** the following program:

- MSc MGT - Research Project (One-year)

FINDING A SUPERVISOR

**Identify your interests:** Have a clear idea of the field of research you are interested in along with possible research topics. This shows that you are prepared and organized and gives you leverage in convincing a potential supervisor to work with you.

**Get to know the supervisors:** Review the profiles of potential supervisors to determine who may share similar research interests.

**Peruse each professor's profile to:**

- Learn about their former research work with graduate students
- Review research papers written by students they have supervised
- Read their authored research work via Google Scholar
- Discover their research focus in articles on the [Telfer Knowledge Hub](#)

**Meet your potential supervisors:**

- MSc in Management
- MSc in Health Systems
- PhD in Management
  - Accounting and Control
  - Entrepreneurship
  - Finance
  - Health Systems
  - Organizational Behaviour and Human Resources
  - Strategy and Organization

MEETING A PROFESSOR

**Establish contact with a potential supervisor:**

- Prepare an email to introduce yourself in a unique and interesting manner
- Make sure to highlight your research experience and potential.
- Demonstrate that your research interests align
- Include your academic background and resume
- Avoid sending a generic email

**Meet with the professor:**

- Set up a meeting to talk with your potential supervisor
- Discuss the possibility of working together
- Share topic ideas
- Ask them questions to establish whether it is a good fit

**Follow up:**

- Confirm that the professor agrees to supervise you
- Submit your details to the Telfer Graduate Office
- Confirm availability and a schedule for working together