

Final “project”

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Plan a “grad research day”

Form a group of 3-5 of your classmates.

- Best to pair up now.
- Let one extra person in if asked by email.
- Working in groups is required.

Set a 2 hour meeting you can all make

- Between now and Dec 6
- Talk for 1.5 hours, write up for 0.5 hours
- Working to a deadline is required.

At the meeting

Plan a daylong event, oriented towards graduate students, to show off the activities of the department etc.

Things to think about

When should it be held?

- Early fall, mid spring, late spring, etc.?

Who should come?

- Prospective PhD students?
- PhD alumni?
- Entering PhD students?
- Local industry?

Things to think about

What should happen?

- Talks – faculty? grad students? alums?
Invited people?
- Demos?
- Lab tours?
- Breakout sessions? Working groups?
- Lunch? Beer?

What to hand in

Document your event in a short powerpoint presentation (e.g. 3 slides) outlining

- Goals
- Schedule
- Participants
- Rationale

Email powerpoint to MS by 7pm, Dec 6.

One member of each group will present Dec 7.

Goals of assignment

Practice

- Working together
- Powerpoint skills
- Talk design
- Thinking about yourself as a researcher
- Critical thinking about craft of research