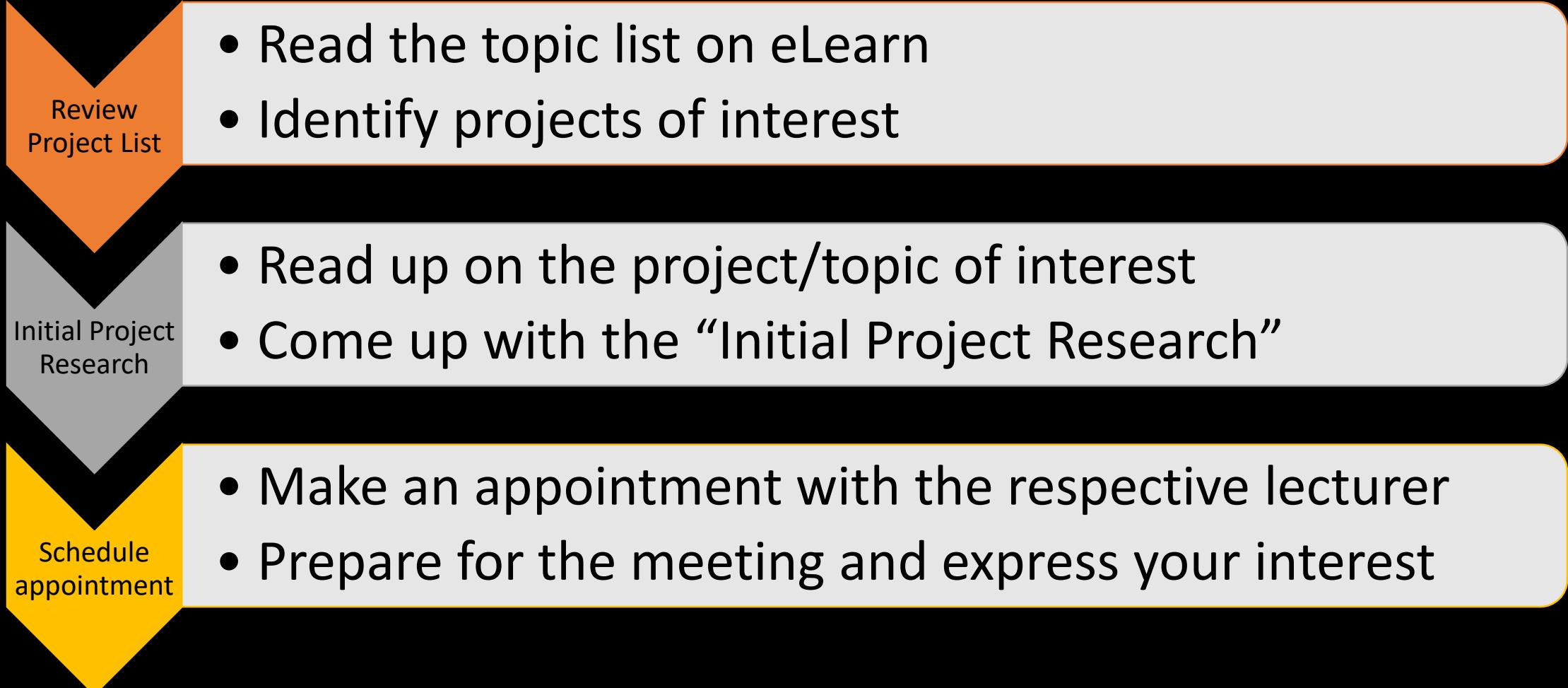


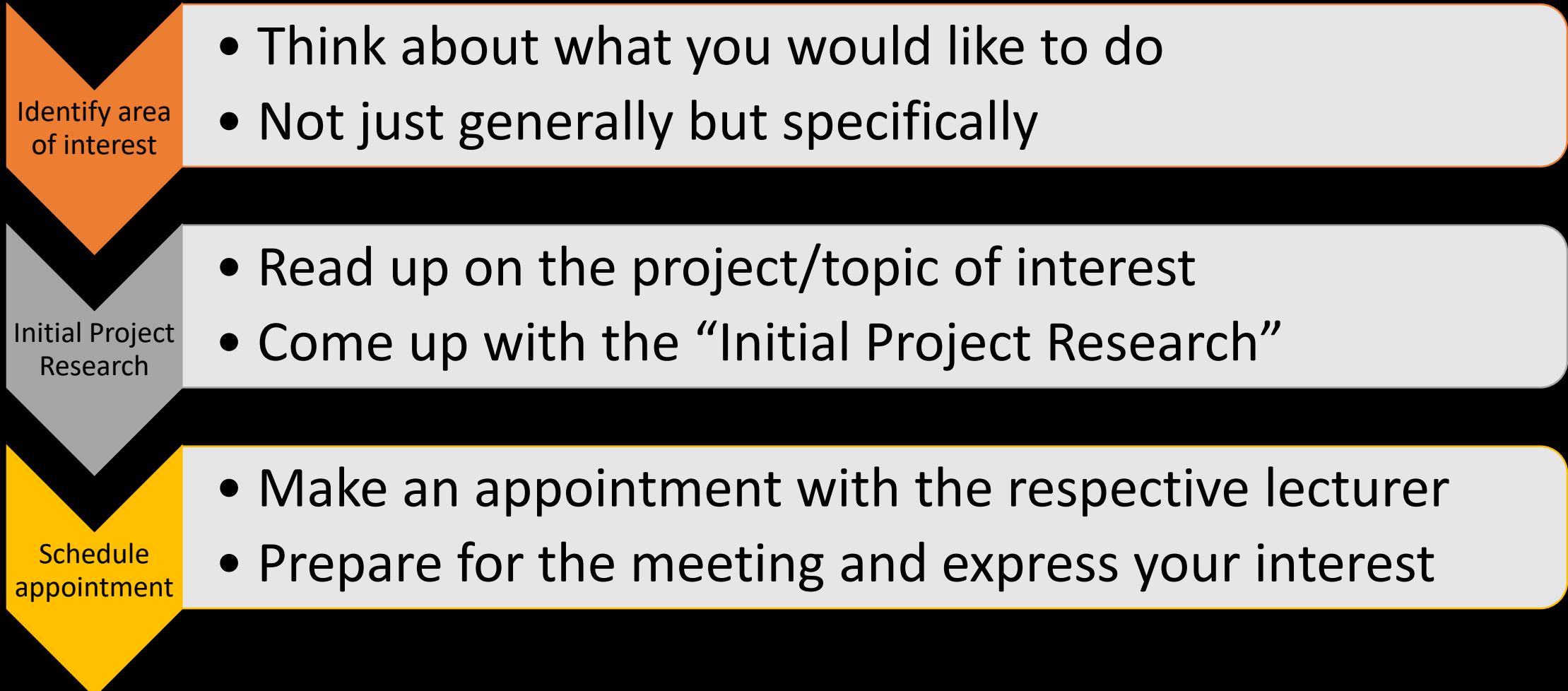
Getting started on your project

Let's look at the steps to get you started on your Capstone

Steps (if selecting a topic from the list)



Steps (if proposing your own topic)



Summary

- Shortlist some topics that you might be interested in.
- Read up to ensure you go prepared when you meet a potential supervisor.
- You should be interested in the project and it shouldn't be the supervisor trying to convince you to do it.



Choosing a project and Project Types



Two ways

- From the project list
- Your own project of choice/interest

Choosing one from the list

- Look at project appropriate to your course
- Select based on:
 - Interest
 - Ability to work with the supervisor
 - Personal skillset (current or expansion of)
- Do NOT take a topic and ask another supervisor to supervise
- PREPARE for the appointment by doing some initial reading
- Make an appointment with the supervisor

Proposing your own

- Look at the project list and see if it is already listed
- Prepare the “Initial Project Research” document (or “Initial Project Plan”)
- Needs to be of appropriate level

Project types

- All projects will require:
 - A solution (the application of problem solving)
 - Testing
 - Experimenting/Analysis
- Types
 - Software Development
 - Research/Studies

Summary

- Choose a project to work on
- If you are going to propose, don't just have a rough idea. Have something substantial
- Go prepared

Initial Research Guide

5 main things regarding the project

1. Title
2. Description
3. Purpose
4. Scope
5. Tasks + Schedule

1. Title

- Keep it short
- Ensure it describes the project

2. Description

- Expand on the title
- Give a brief description (or elaboration) of the title
- Keep it short (100-150 words)

3. Purpose

- The aim
- Justify the purpose
- What do you want to achieve?

4. Scope

- What does the project cover – what doesn't it cover?
- Expected outcomes – described as requirements

5. Tasks + Schedule

- How are you going to achieve the outcomes?
- What do you need to do?
- How long is it going to take?
- Consider your own workload and schedule (subjects)



Summary

- Initial Research Guide: to help you prepare for your meeting
- Helps in your project topic proposing
- Go through all the steps – do not skip any