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| ▶ Finding a supervisor and project | October until December |
| ▶ Registration | January |
| ▶ Presentation | May |
| ▶ Interim Report | July |
| ▶ Dissertation Report | September |

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In January you need:

1. a project
2. and a supervisor who considers the level of this project appropriate for your degree
3. and who is willing to supervise you.

Some inspiration

- ▶ Is there something in one of your modules that you are sceptical about? Or which you think needs further study?
- ▶ Maybe explore an under-researched area.
- ▶ Search for ideas in the library.
- ▶ Maybe replicate an existing study in a different setting.
- ▶ Maybe develop or test out a methodology or method.
- ▶ Maybe apply a theoretical idea to a real world problem.
- ▶ Maybe work out the theoretical properties of a real-world problem.
- ▶ Discuss your ideas with your colleagues, friends, and with staff members.
- ▶ What topics are other students considering?

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Role of your supervisor

- ▶ Help you shape and refine your ideas
- ▶ Can give advice on how to conduct research
- ▶ Can give advice on how to present results, i.e., how to structure a dissertation
- ▶ Are **NOT** involved in the writing process of the dissertation
- ▶ Do **NOT** teach you the topic that you have chosen