Dear students,

In week 3 (18-22 July 2022) Assignment - 3  you will work on a client brief with your assigned GROUP Member, please find your group member’s details at the end of this announcement.

You are randomly assigned to a group via eClass. Let me know if you cannot access your group information or could not contact your team member by 19 July (information is in the [Participations](https://eclass.srv.ualberta.ca/user/index.php?id=74351) section on your eClass).

I am sharing the information this week so that you have can set up some time to e-meet and develop a communications plan. I would also suggest checking your [uAlberta email](https://apps.ualberta.ca/) daily and using [Google groups](https://apps.ualberta.ca/) or [eClass messaging](https://support.eclass.ualberta.ca/index.php?/Knowledgebase/Article/View/356/10/using-eclass-messaging) for faster and more fluid communication.

In your practical life, as a designer, you will rarely work on your projects stand-alone. Research indicates that essential traits of 21st-century designers are directly linked to developing successful collaborative teamwork ethics, especially in an online environment [1]. In this program, some of the course assignments are curated to give participants an opportunity to work in groups to master interpersonal skills.

Collaboration opens many different possibilities for stakeholders from learning new skills from each other to productive feedback and design refinement. Digital products are more complex today than ever before. Creating them requires multiple team members, each with their own set of skills and expertise. Group work and collaboration put minds together, combining members' specialized expertise to create solutions that tackle all aspects of a shared goal.

Done right, design collaboration empowers each of us with the mindset, process, and tools to come together and build a better product faster.

**Some Best Practices:**

Plan to meet each other this week to introduce yourself and set

* Clear goals and expectations
* Roles and responsibilities
* Effective and efficient communication plans using email or via eClass messaging
* Set up meeting times and deadlines; be mindful of other group members' time zones or work commitments.
* Build trust, respect, and embrace diversity!

[1] [Is UX design a good fit for you? 8 personality traits you must have.](https://uxplanet.org/is-ux-design-a-good-fit-for-you-8-personality-traits-you-must-have-7b3cee71c6c4)

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