

Dear Professor Baurdy,

This is our meeting report:

Start and Introduce:

We discussed lots of things during our meeting. Surprisingly, our clothes were similar.

The meeting started with greetings. Then, I briefly introduced myself.

I also shared a PowerPoint file about my academic background and research experience. After I finished my presentation, the professor showed interest in my research. We talked about it; we reached a good understanding of it. I also mentioned that I had read papers on that field before, and our improvement will help with accuracy, not speed.

My first question (Professor's expectations from me as a student in his lab):

The professor let me ask questions. I proposed a question about his expectations of me as a student in his laboratory and how that would lead to my growth. For the first part of the question, Professor Baurdy answered that in my Master's journey, I will have two years, each separated into three periods. So, it would be 6 semesters in which, in two of them, I would focus on the courses. In the other semesters, I would focus on research, which contains lots of reading, checking, and determining the feasibility of improvements in different software. In my second question response, he added that joining me in his lab would benefit me. First, I'll be able to study and live in Montreal, a well-developed city with cutting-edge research opportunities. Secondly, I will face a big community of people from all over the world. Finally, I could continue my journey as a scientist in Software Engineering. And the opportunity to register our papers in Montreal as an academic city.

My second question (Possible future projects and researches):

My second question was about the professor's future research and projects. I mentioned that I follow him on his social pages, and I know that he is very passionate about "Software Diversity" and "Software Reliability." We also talked about the Chains project, which was funded by the KTH Technology Institute, and the professor worked on that in 2021, 2022, and 2023. The Chain project is about hardening the software supply chain, for example, decreasing risks and removing useless dependencies. Professor, Benoit Baurdy, added that his PhD student is working on Permission systems and Third-Parties dependencies. He also mentioned that he is interested in Software Engineering for the Arts.

My last question (Financial Support):

My last question was about financial support. The professor responded that different types of funding are available. He also added that I might need other financial support besides this funding. When I asked about his estimation of the extra money I might need, he said something about 5,000 to 10,000 Canadian dollars.

Professor Consideration (Language Considerations):

When I finished with my questions, the professor mentioned one important point. He proposed that Montreal University or "Université de Montréal" is a French language university. This way, I might have some French language courses, and the other staff in the university might also be in French. In response, I answered that I am eager to learn French as I already know a little about it from my last curiosity.

Professor question (Applying process):

The professor asked why I didn't apply to an English language university like Concordia University. I stated that I tried for them, too, but the French language was not an obstacle for me, so I applied for Montreal, too. I also added that the main reason for me was our great alignment in our research interests. In follow-up, he asked if I got any good feedback or not. I answered that I had just received a good response from an Iranian professor at Brock University.

Conclusion:

Finally, I discussed the video I found on YouTube, in which he said he is interested in working with students from all over the world and his passion for cooking and listening to music, which we have another overlap.

Future Tasks:

I have been asked to make a report on our conversation in the meeting and also finish the PdfBox Third-parties invocations task.

Best Regards,

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