**PROJECT MILESTONE 0: GROUP FORMATION**

**Instructions**

1. Find other students in the course with whom you would like to complete the course project. Groups may consist of 4 - 6 people.
2. Have one group member send an email to your instructor and TA with the names of all your team members. Make sure to cc everyone in your group. Send this message before the deadline posted on Canvas.

**Description**

Much of this class will involve work in small groups of 4 – 6 students, including in-class discussions especially the group project. We also encourage you to lean on your teammates other during homeworks, as described by the "Helping Classmates" policy in the syllabus. You will have the same group for the duration of the course.

For the group project, you can choose data about any topic you want. Finance, sports, medicine, public policy, crime, global warming, movies, music, television, video games, anything at all! In fact, **it is encouraged to form a group based on a shared project interest**!

You have **two options** for forming a team.

* **Option 1:** You can coordinate with your classmates to find others with shared project interests.
  1. We recommend this option, but do not require it.
  2. Use [Piazza](https://canvas.wisc.edu/courses/459654/external_tools/20073) to find classmates with similar project interests to you. You can respond to a classmate’s post if they share your interests, or start a new post yourself! *(It is useful to include your email in these posts because of the step below.)*
  3. Once you have form a team, please have one groupmate **send an email to Kris (ksankaran@wisc.edu), Matt (sathitvudh@wisc.edu), and the other group members, declaring your intent to form a group.**
  4. These emails are due by 11:59pm on Friday, September 12.

* **Option 2:** If you do not do Option 1, the instructors will assign you to a random group the morning of Saturday, September 13. There is no grade penalty for choosing this option, group formation is not worth any points either way.

Whether you self-select a group or get randomly assigned one, you do not have to interact with this Canvas page at all.