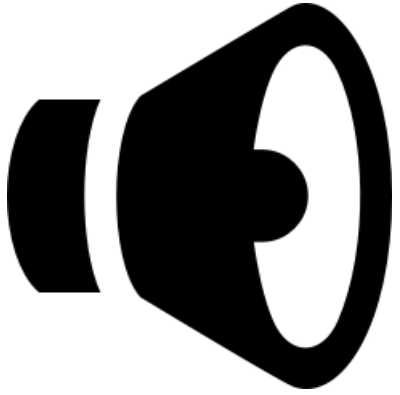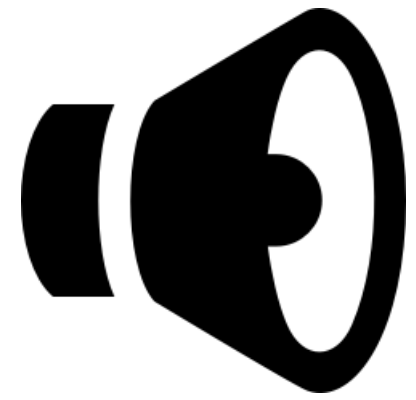# CS408 4th Year Project

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# You Said, We Did

- Project should be over two semesters
  - Project now **across two semesters**, with formal milestones for feedback
- Not enough time to review project suggestions and consider own project definition
  - **Contacted** students **prior** to the semester to introduce the process
  - **Project suggestions released in advance** this year to give longer for this decision

# Overview



- 40 credits = 400 nominal hours
- Staff suggested or student suggested projects
- Builds on years 1-3
- Seminars in Semester 1 to help guide you through the process
- Assigned a project and supervisor

# Important

- There is **no** opportunity for **re-assessment**
- You **must pass** (40% or more) your project to be awarded your final degree – **BCS Accreditation Requirement**, reflected in course regulations
- For BSc Honours, the mark for your project will **normally** contribute towards **25% of your overall mark**

# Project Allocation

- Staff Suggested Projects process
  1. Examine the projects available –**was released August 14th**
  2. Talk to the staff member who proposed it **this week**
  3. Select 6 choices from the project choice system by **Friday 20th at 5pm**

- Self-suggested Project process
  1. Identify two members of staff willing to supervise your project
  2. Email the project co-ordinator including your potential supervisors with the title and description of your project by **Friday 20th at 5pm**

# Projects Choice
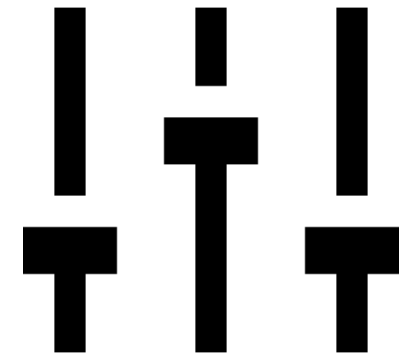
- Link on MyPlace to select **6 choices in order of preference**
- Must **choose projects appropriate for your degree**
- **No more than two** projects suggested by the **same** member of **staff.**
- Non-compliance may result in a project being allocated to you at random!

## Supervisors Availability Open Hours Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th

| | | | Room | Tues 17th Sept | Wed 18th Sept |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dr | Robert | Atkey | 1305 | NA | 10am-12noon |
| Dr | David | Bevan | 1312 | 2pm-4pm | 10am-12noon |
| Dr | Michael | Cashmore | 1418 | 2pm-4pm | 10am-12noon |
| Dr | Alexandra | Coddington | 1410 | 4pm-5pm | 2pm-5pm |
| Prof | Feng | Dong | 1425 | 3pm-5pm | NA |
| Dr | Mark | Dunlop | 1421 | NA | 8am-2pm |
| Dr | Kieren | Egan | 1429 | 2pm-4pm | NA |
| Dr | Rosanne | English | 1411 | 2pm-4pm | 9am-11am |
| Dr | Fredrik | Forsberg | 1310 | NA | NA |
| Dr | Martin | Goodfellow | 1406 | NA | NA |
| Dr | Sergey | Kitaev | 1311b | 2pm-3pm | NA |
| Dr | Clemens | Kupke | 1318 | NA | 2pm-4pm |
| Dr | Marilyn | Lennon | 1311a | 330pm-430pm | 1130am-130pm |
| Dr | John | Levine | 1420 | NA | anytime |
| Prof | Roma | Maguire | 1315 | NP | NP |
| Prof | Radu | Mardare | | NP | NP |
| Dr | Lisa | McCann | 13:04 | NA | 9am-10am,11am-12noon |
| Dr | Shishir | Nagaraja | 14.05 or 14.14 | NA | 11am-3pm |
| Prof | Crawford | Revie | 1401 | 1pm-3pm | NA |
| Dr | Marc | Roper | 1412 | 2.00-3.00pm&4.00-5.00pm | 2.00pm-3.45pm |
| Dr | Dmitri | Roussinov | 1428b | NA | NA |
| Dr | Sotirios | Terzis | 1303 | 2pm-3pm | NA |
| Dr | Daniel | Thomas | 14.03 | NA | 13:00-15:45 |
| Mr | William | Wallace | 1404 | 2pm-4pm | 10am-12noon |
| Dr | George | Weir | 1316 | NA | 11am-1pm |
| Dr | Graham | Wilson | 1429 | 2pm-4pm | 12noon-2pm |
| Dr | John | Wilson | 1424 | 2pm-4pm | 12noon-2pm |
| Dr | Murray | Wood | 1422 | 2pm-4pm | NA |

# Project Choice: Important Caveats

- Don't pick projects you wouldn't be happy to complete

- **no guarantee** *that the member of staff that suggested a project will end up supervising that project*

- *Although reasonable effort will be made to ensure that you are allocated one of your chosen projects, this cannot be guaranteed*

# Project Types
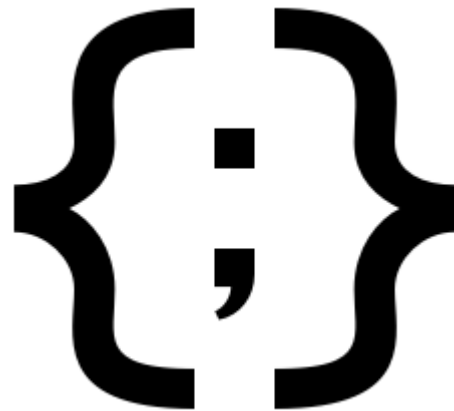
# Supervision

- 30 minutes every two weeks
- Allocation start of week 1, students should contact supervisor to arrange meeting
- Staff aim to provide feedback on:
  - Progress report
  - Progress presentation
  - One full chapter of final report in detail
  - Full report overarching feedback

# Seminars

- Week 3, 5, 7, 9
- Typically Thursdays at 3pm GH554 – see timetable
- Topics
  - Project Management – Baillie Gifford
  - Making use of the library resources for your project
  - Evaluation and Ethics
  - Guidance on Writing for your Project
- **It's important you attend the seminars**
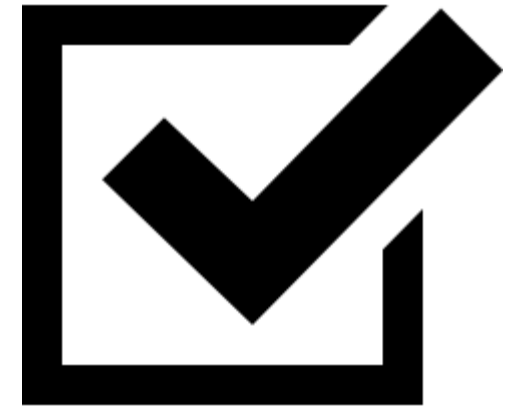
# Assessment

- Project progress report (Semester 1, 10%)
- Project progress presentation (Semester 2 consolidation week, 10%)
- Final submission and demo (end of Semester 2, 80%)

- Details of marking schemes on MyPlace in Project Guidelines document

# Progress Report and Presentation: Important Caveat

- Both the project progress report and progress presentation are **integrated assessment tasks** with time sensitive marking and feedback requirements and as such **CANNOT BE SUBMITTED LATE WITHOUT SUFFICIENT PERSONAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

- Any submission **after the deadline** for either of these deliverables **without** an **approved extension** supported by personal circumstances **will be marked as 0**

# Lateness Penalties FINAL SUBMISSION ONLY – University Policy

- Submitted up to 1 working day late – 10% off the mark for the project
- Submitted after 1 working day, but no later than 4pm Friday after the Monday deadline– additional 5% off the mark for the project per day
- Beyond 4pm on Friday after the Monday deadline- Mark of 0

- Note that if you pass the project before lateness, then you will be awarded your degree (assuming a pass in all other classes) but the mark with the penalty applied will contribute to your final classification

# Extensions and Personal Circumstances

- Should any issues which significantly impact your ability to complete the project arise let us know before the deadline

- https://www.strath.ac.uk/sees/studentpolicies/policies/appealscomplaintsdiscipline/personalcircumstancesprocedure/
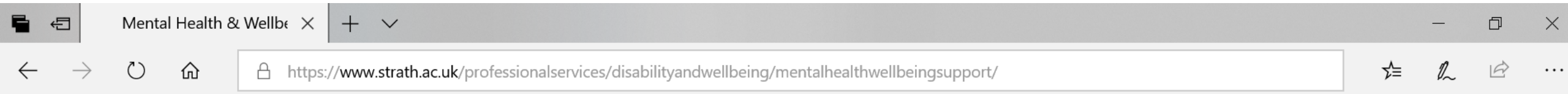
# Students who do well..

- **Work consistently** across both semesters
- **Attend** the available **seminars** in semester 1
- Pay attention to the **Project Guidelines available on MyPlace**
- **Discuss projects** with **supervisors** before selecting them!
- **Engage** with their **supervisor** in a professional manner
- **Manage** their **time** well
- **Write early and often**

# Looking after your (mental) health

https://www.strath.ac.uk/professionalservices/disabilityandwellbeing/mentalhealthwellbeingsupport/

## Mental Health & Wellbeing Support

We offer a broad range of support to students experiencing emotional, mental health and wellbeing issues, including:

· one-to-one mental health and wellbeing assessment
· counselling
· cognitive behaviour therapy (CBT)
· group therapies
· our online mental health support programme - SilverCloud
· mindfulness-based stress reduction programme

## Accessing Support

The Disability and Wellbeing Service would strongly encourage you to contact your GP urgently should you consider yourself to be at risk, or require medical treatment.

**If you feel that you need help now**, please contact your GP. Your GP can provide further assessment of your symptoms, discuss treatment options and

### Disability & Wellbeing Service

- Contact Us
- Disability Support
- General Health Support
- Meet Our Staff
- Rape Crisis Student Support Service

### Wellbeing Classes & Groups

We run a number of Drop-in and bookable wellbeing sessions including: