Goals

- Learn how to do research
- Develop a deep background in some field
- Make connections and grow your network
- Gain confidence
Timeline

- 1-on-1 meetings with committee members in next few weeks
- Mid-program reports in late October
- Another round of 1-on-1’s
- PURE Poster Symposium before finals week
Immediate Concerns

- Contact your mentor ASAP
  - Discuss time commitment
  - Get up to speed
- Schedule weekly meeting with mentor
- Set aside time to work independently
- Register for the class
- **Submit a research plan**
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- One hour class
- We will email more details soon
- If you **and** your mentor are in ECE
  - ECE 297 (Individual Study)
  - Tech elective credit
- If you are at 18 hours already
  - Consider dropping a class
  - We will try to work with advising
Research Plans

- Template will go on website soon
- Needs sign-off from your mentor
- Only need a general outline and goals
Expectations

● Research is hard!
● You probably won’t discover anything cool or get published
  ○ Yet!
● By the Mid-Program Reports
  ○ Finish a literature review or other background learning
  ○ Plan how the rest of the project will proceed
● By the Poster Symposium
  ○ Finish an attempt of some sort
    ■ It doesn’t matter if it works!
Guidance

- Ask your mentor lots of questions
- Put in time on your own to learn
- Give research equal priority to HW / MPs
- If you are lost, confused, or concerned, **contact us**
  - We are always available to answer questions
  - We will never be annoyed that you reached out
  - We have been in your shoes
  - Ben - bjschre2@illinois.edu
  - Michael - colomb2@illinois.edu
  - Other emails on website