

**Advisor expectations
or
what do I look for in a good
graduate student**

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Hard work and dedication

- *Laziness erodes your soul*
- *Your laziness erodes others' souls*
- *Laziness breeds laziness*

Academic honesty and courage

- *don't be afraid to speak your mind, but don't "badmouth" something just because it is hard.*
- *defend your ideas/conclusions even if they do not conform with your advisor's thoughts/intuition/ vision.*
- *be "smart stubborn" (persistent) and avoid being just stubborn*
- *nobody has monopoly on truth, including you!*

Time and task management

- *Don't waste time: yours and your advisor's*
 - Be well prepared for your weekly meeting, and prepare your advisor for a productive meeting
 - Thrive to have a “complete result” (regardless how small) for each week (includes statement of problem investigated, approach used, results obtained and conclusions reached)
 - Manage your meeting time effectively to reach the goals (each meeting should have the goals you'd like to achieve)
- *Develop schedules (weekly/ semester/ year/ graduate studies) and use them to:*
 - Control panic of managing multiple tasks and demands
 - Keep yourself honest on the progress towards near-term, mid-term, and long-term goals

Independence and creativity

- *Take ownership of your work*
- *Drive the project, pose questions and chart the direction of inquiry*
- *Direct your advisor to the “right” path*
- *Confront common wisdoms, and attack challenges by using “out-of-envelope” thinking*
- *Develop a “can do” reputation*

Delivery on obligations

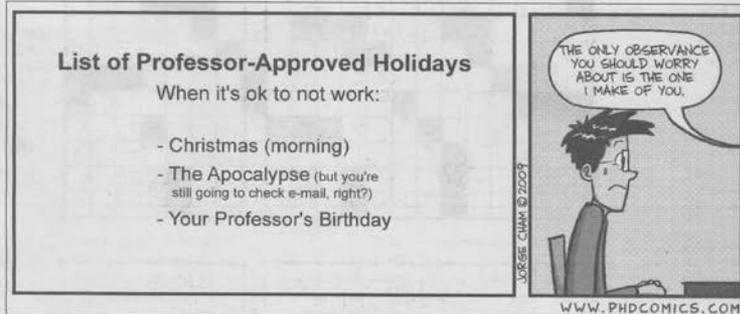
- *Always remember that someone pays money to support your graduate studies and your work*
- *Always be on top with delivering on your obligations to the sponsors (reports, papers, presentations...)*
- *Help your advisor manage interactions with a sponsor*
- *Be dependable, trustworthy, and professional*

Mentorship and camaraderie

- Mentor junior graduate students
- Dedicate time to help other group members
- Be generous: spend some of your vast intellectual resources on thinking about other's research problems
- Volunteer to do some group chores

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- **Be a good human being!**

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Lastly, vacation/holiday policy