

RCPRS Faculty Informational Interviews

One of the colloquium requirements is to conduct informational interviews with 3 faculty members whose research is of interest to you. If you choose, and your peer advisor is willing, you may use a visit to their research project as one of these interviews. (If your peer advisor is doing research in the humanities, or research that does not have a "site" to visit, an *in-depth* interview will suffice.)

Even if you are already sure with whom you want to work, you still need to talk to 2 *additional* faculty members (or 1 professor and your peer advisor), or attend a faculty-led seminar and write about their research. We want you to have a good sense of the many possibilities for future research that are available at Cornell.

After you meet with each person, write a one-half to full-page (single-spaced) description of the meeting that includes the following information for a faculty interview and/or a peer advisor interview:

If you are conducting a **faculty interview**, please include the following in your write-up:

- Heading should include your name, interview number (1, 2, or 3), date
- The faculty member's name and department
- Why were you initially interested in this work?
- How you first found out about this person's research (i.e., website, seminar, article, referral from RCPRS college contact, peer advisor, faculty dinner, etc.)
- Are you still interested in this work? Why or why not?
- What might you do if you were to work with him/her?
- What do you think it would be like to work with this faculty mentor?
- Do you think you will end up working with this faculty member? Why or why not?

If you are conducting a **peer advisor interview and/or site visit**, please include:

- Your name
- Peer advisor's name and department
- Name and department of his/her faculty mentor
- Describe your peer advisor's project or the work of their research group
- List the people you met while you were visiting and please describe their roles
- Describe the most useful thing(s) you learned while visiting or conducting this interview
- Will you follow up with the faculty mentor in regard to joining this project? Why or why not?

After you have completed an interview, it is very important to follow up with a thank you note, call or email. If you were offered a position, you should also let them know if you plan on working with them or not. Do not leave them wondering whether you will be joining their project.

THE INTERVIEWS ARE DUE ON:

November 9, 16, 23, 2009

Turn in at Colloquium, or drop off (*hard copies only*)
at 103 Day Hall by 4:30pm