

October Rotation

*Assigned: 9/18/2013**Due Date: 10/2/2013*

CSE 591 students complete two month-long rotations with distinct faculty supervisors. The rotation is intended to both provide the student with an in-depth research experience in a given area of CSE and to allow students and prospective advisors to work together on a fixed-length project without requiring a long-term commitment from either party.

We have already discussed the process of identifying a rotation supervisor. Once you have found a rotation supervisor, by the beginning of your rotation (October 2nd), you should write a *rotation plan*, devised in collaboration with your supervisor, that describes the work to be performed and sets weekly milestones for your progress. A sample plan is available on the course website. This gives you some idea of the expected level of detail you need to get into, but please feel free to pick a format and style that suit your project in consultation with your rotation supervisor.

Your rotation will last one month (about 4 weeks). It should involve a nominal student effort of 2-10 hours per week, depending on the complexity of the project plan. You should plan to meet weekly with your faculty supervisor or a designated mentor of her or his choice.

At the end of the rotation, you will turn in an *experience report* of 2-3 pages describing the work you did, its significance, and what you learned from the experience. You will also be expected to give a short (about 5 minutes) oral presentation in 591 on your rotation. Your rotation supervisor will be asked to complete an evaluation of your performance during the rotation period. More details on these aspects will be made available on the course website as the semester progresses.

Dates and Deadlines

- **October 2:** Turn in rotation plan (email as PDF to Sanmay)
- **October 9:** First weekly milestone
- **October 16:** Second weekly milestone
- **October 23:** Third weekly milestone
- **October 30:** Written rotation reports due