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Please address the questions below with bullet points.

1. **Academic Year goals.**
   What goals do you have for the academic year? What would you like to accomplish? Why is this important to your professional development? How will the timing work? How can the DGS help you achieve these goals? How can your committee help you?

2. **Conference participation.**
   What conference(s) do you want to attend during the academic year? How can you get the most out of them? How might you fund your participation from internal ND grants or external grants?

3. **Long-term self-reflection.**
   Thinking ahead for the next 3 years, where do you see yourself? To get to this point what major areas in your background will require further development? How can we help you to achieve these goals?

4. **Dissertation research.**
   Very briefly outline your plans for your dissertation research. How will this research further your personal and professional goals? How will this research be funded (even if tentative for the time being)? How can we help you to achieve this goal?

Please set up a meeting with your Graduate Committee to discuss these questions in the next few weeks. While we are aware that your time is consumed by your exams and prospectus development, as well as by grant applications, please take a brief moment to work on these, especially where you feel the gaps exist and how we can help you.

Please have your committee members sign the paper form. Provide Michelle Thornton a hard copy by the last Friday in September. Email a copy to the DGS and your committee as well.

**Committee Signatures:**

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