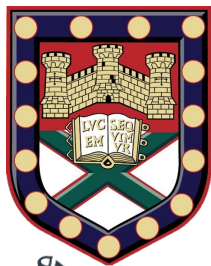




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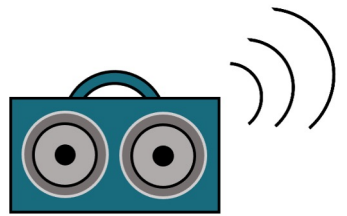
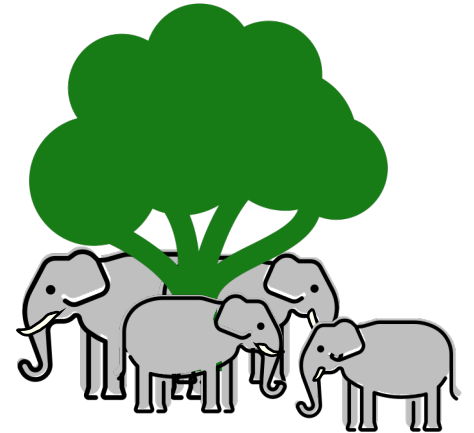
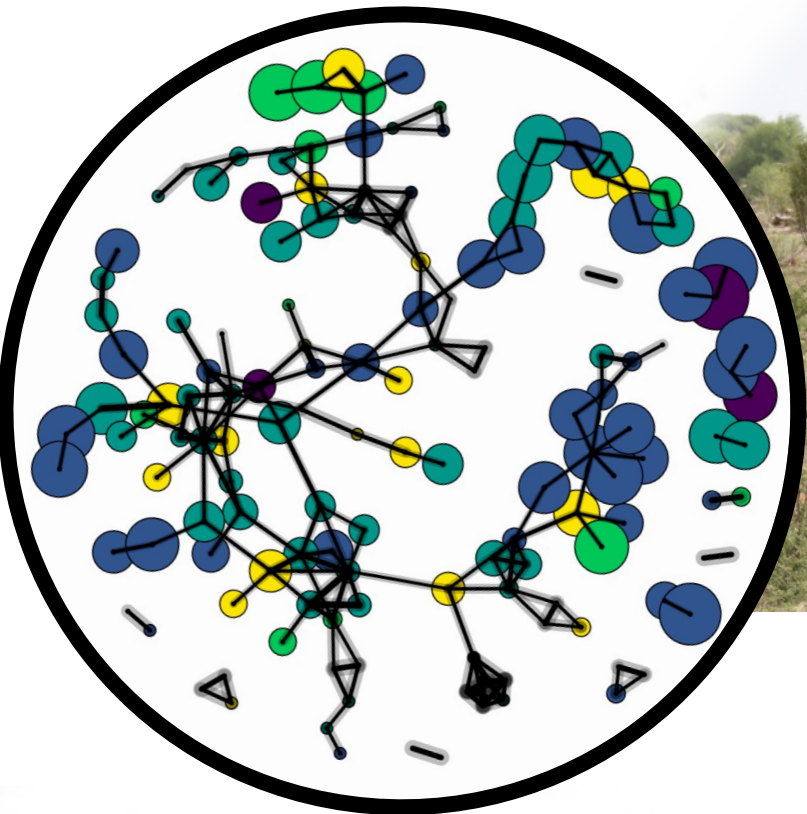








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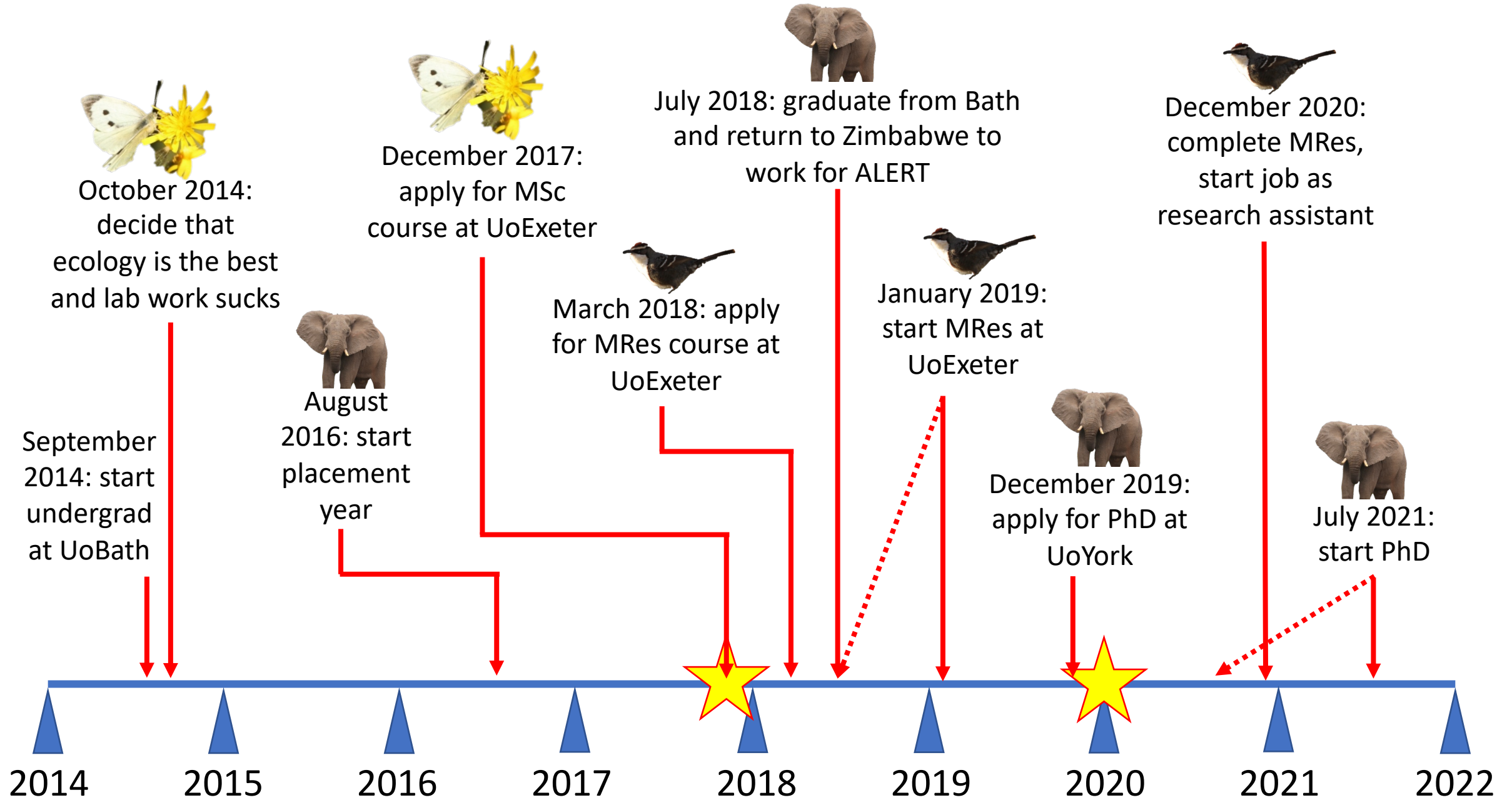




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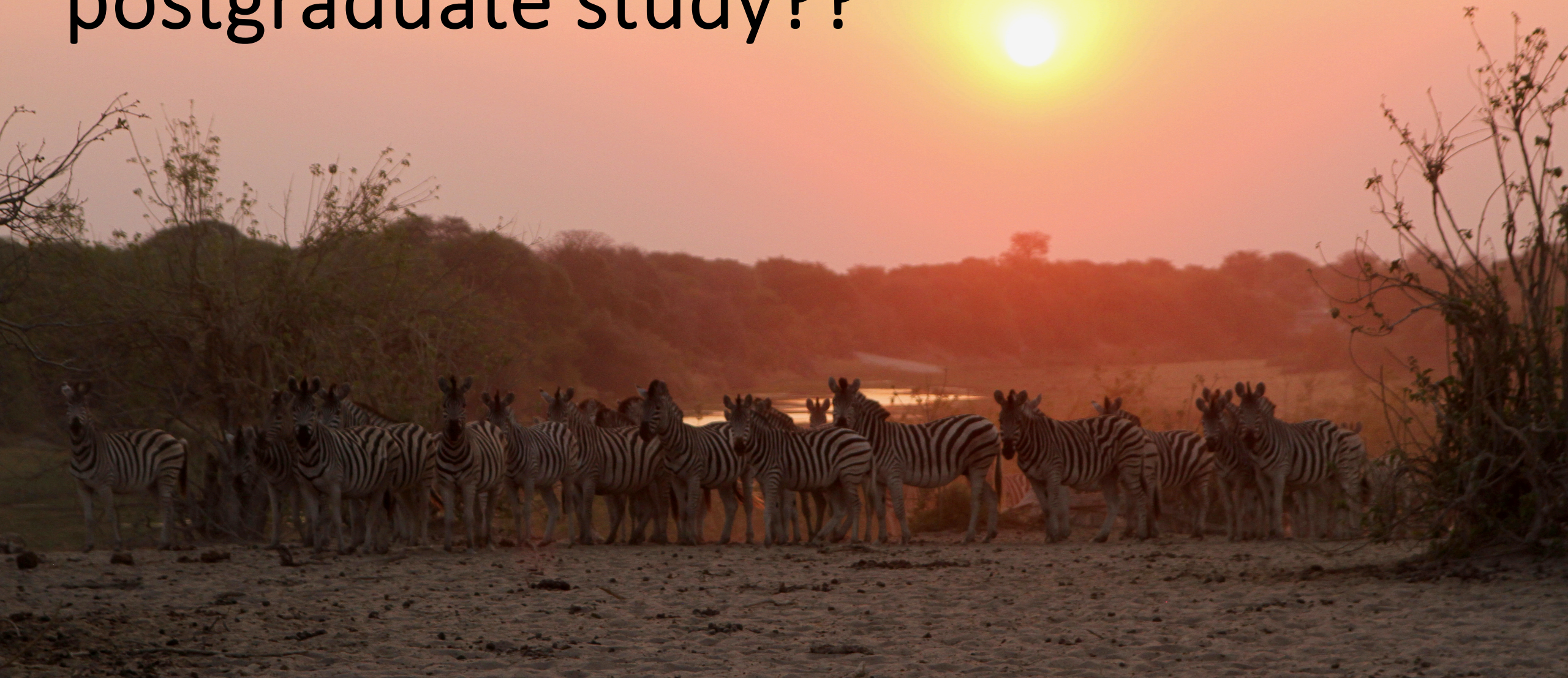
# Next Steps: Where to find Further Study



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So... what actually *IS*  
postgraduate study??





## **Taught Programmes**

Masters only

Lectures and tutorials

Small research element

Exams and coursework

Conferences optional

No teaching

Expensive

## **Research Programmes**

Masters and PhD

No lectures or tutorials

Entirely research

Thesis and viva

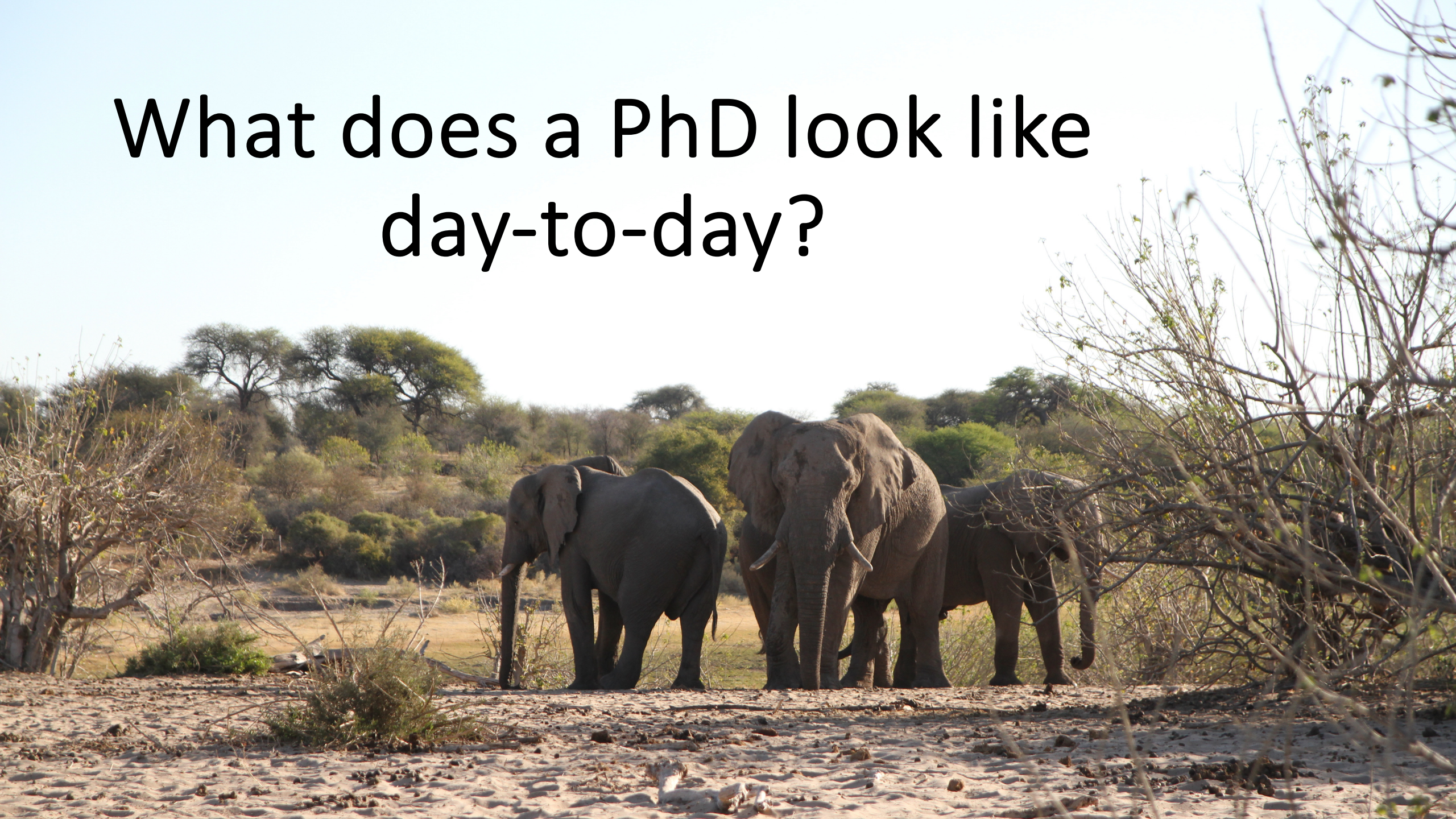
Conferences expected

Teaching opportunities

Cheaper (?)



What does a PhD look like  
day-to-day?



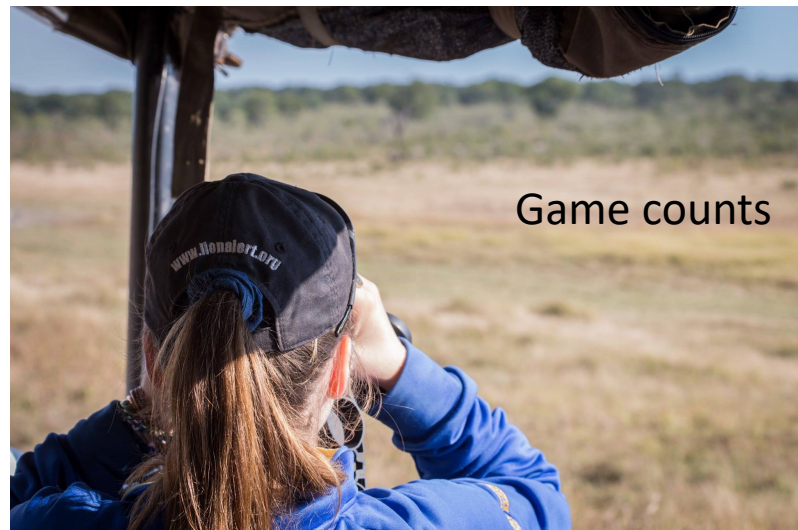
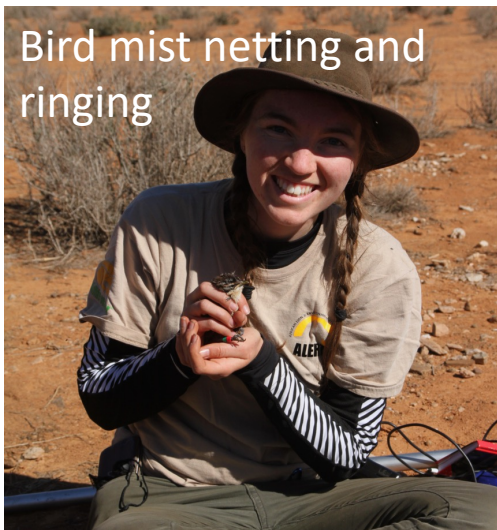




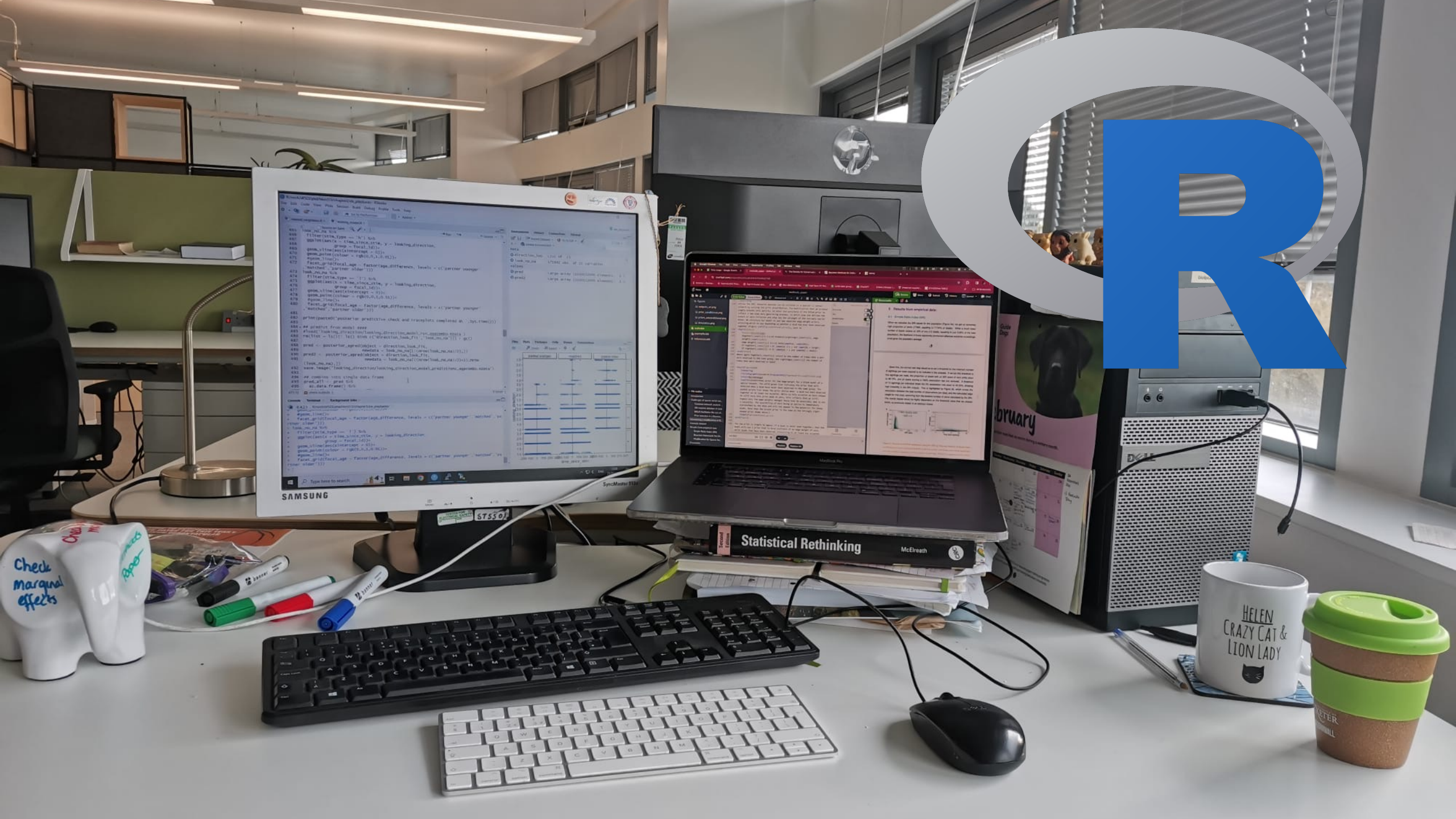
# Research Degrees

- MRes = usually 1 year (max. 2)
- PhD = usually 3-4 years (UK, varies a lot by country)
- Funding is harder to get for an MRes
- Don't self-fund a PhD unless it is the absolute last resort, and you are desperate to do that project!



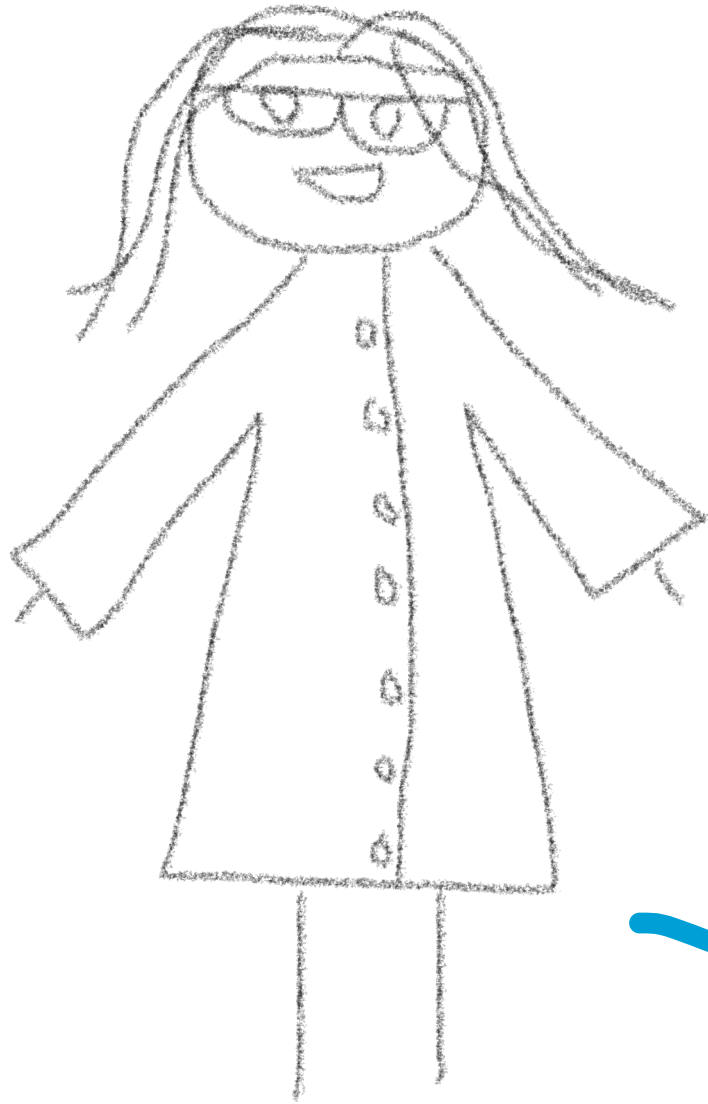








I don't do labwork...















# My Tips and Tricks





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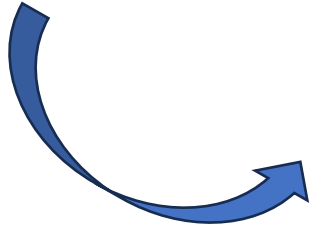








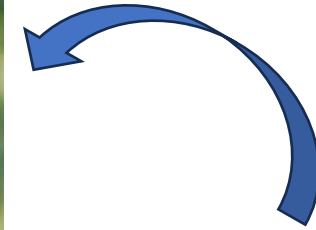
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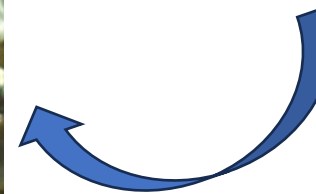
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# Applications







# PhD/MRes Applications

- Properly research your supervisors and SHOW them that you have
  - Flattery goes a long way!
  - What papers have you read of theirs?
- Keep it personal! Don't be generic
- Show that you have engaged with the project
  - What are YOUR ideas for where it could go?
- Long letter, short email
- Interviews are rare – prepare for them properly!





# Competition funding

- ACCE DTP:
  1. Supervisor proposes project to funding body who selects a large number they are willing to fund
  2. Supervisor advertises project and selects a student
  3. Student is interviewed by funding body about the project
  4. Funder selects a subset of projects to actually fund
- Others may have a different method e.g. all apply and first year is rotations through different projects – highest mark gets first pick of projects