Dear Students,

Welcome to PSCB90H3!

Through this semester, you will gain first-hand knowledge on current research methods and will be expected to share the knowledge acquired through an end of term report and presentation. Your progress in the course will be monitored by regular meetings with your supervisor. Final results will be presented through a written report and a poster (more likely a PowerPoint) presentation at the end of the term. Approximately 120 hours of work is expected for the course. If you plan on participating in laboratory based activities, please contact your project supervisor directly to discuss any potential trainings (such as WHMIS) that may be required, as well as other possible logistics to consider when working on-campus this term.

Grades for this research course will be determined by three major assessment pieces:

- Faculty supervisor's assessment (40%) - This will be based on regular faculty-student meetings as well as a reflective journal marked by the project supervisor. This journal could have a wide range of variations depending on the project specificity. Please speak with your supervisor for their expectations.
- Final course paper (30%) - This will be marked by the project supervisor and one external reader; 15 marks each.
- Final presentation (30%) - The format of this is yet to be determined; whatever format we use, it will be marked by at least two judges.

I will leave some other resources on the Quercus shell for those who may find it useful as you embark on your research activities. I will also be making announcements later this term with regards to deadlines for the final paper and presentations.

Best,

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