

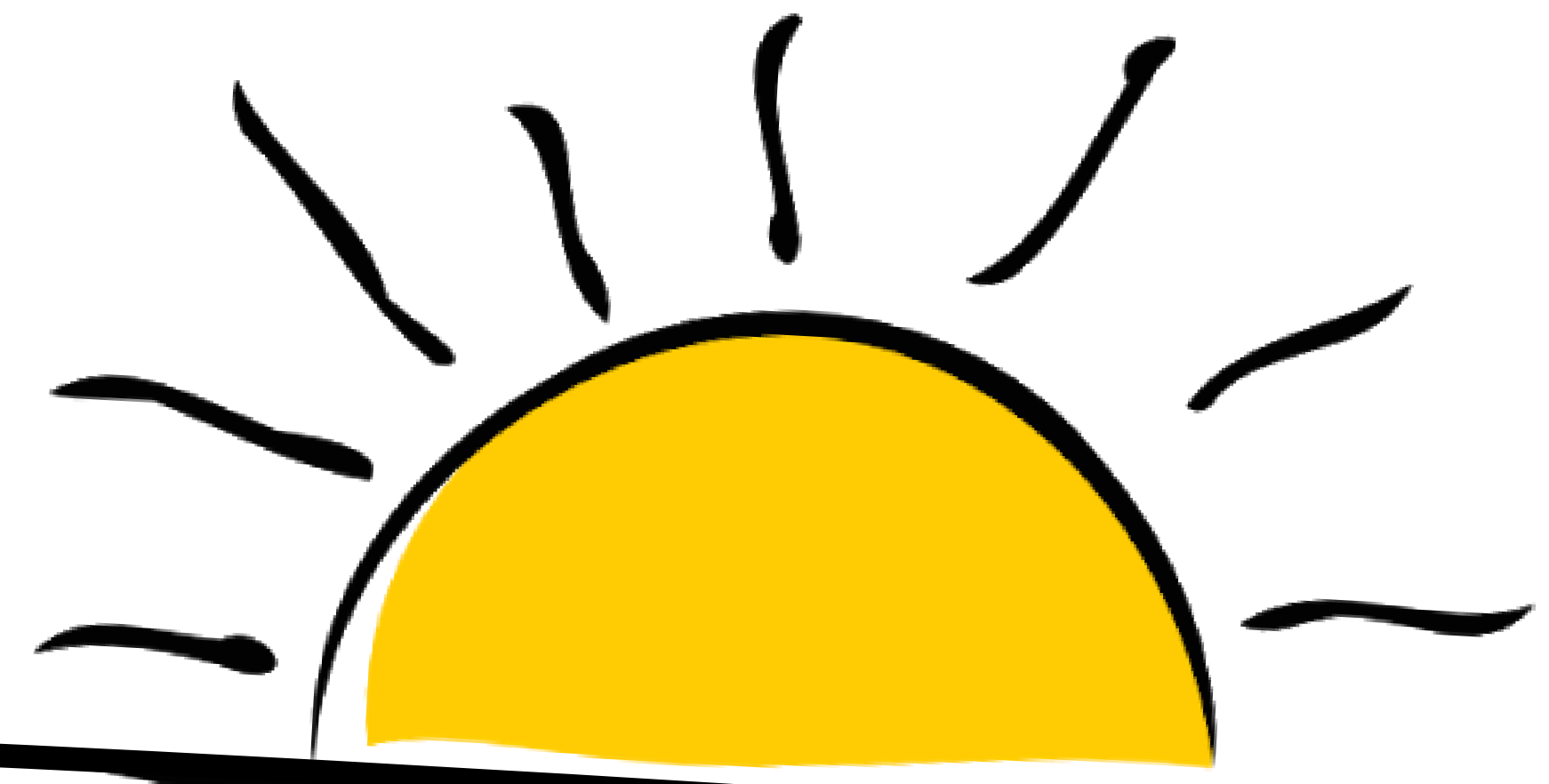
# HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR STUDENTS DURING A MASTER'S (RESEARCH) PROJECT?

**University of Groningen**

↳ **Faculty of Science and Engineering**

↳ **25 master's degree programmes of 2 years**

↳ **Master's projects: 30–50 EC**



**THESIS SUPPORT  
GROUP**

IN WEEKLY GROUP MEETINGS,  
STUDENTS (MAX 12) ARE GUIDED BY  
THE ACADEMIC ADVISOR. STUDENTS  
HELP EACH OTHER TO STRUCTURE  
THEIR WRITING PROCESS OR TO  
TACKLE THEIR LACK OF DISCIPLINE  
BY SETTING CLEAR GOALS.



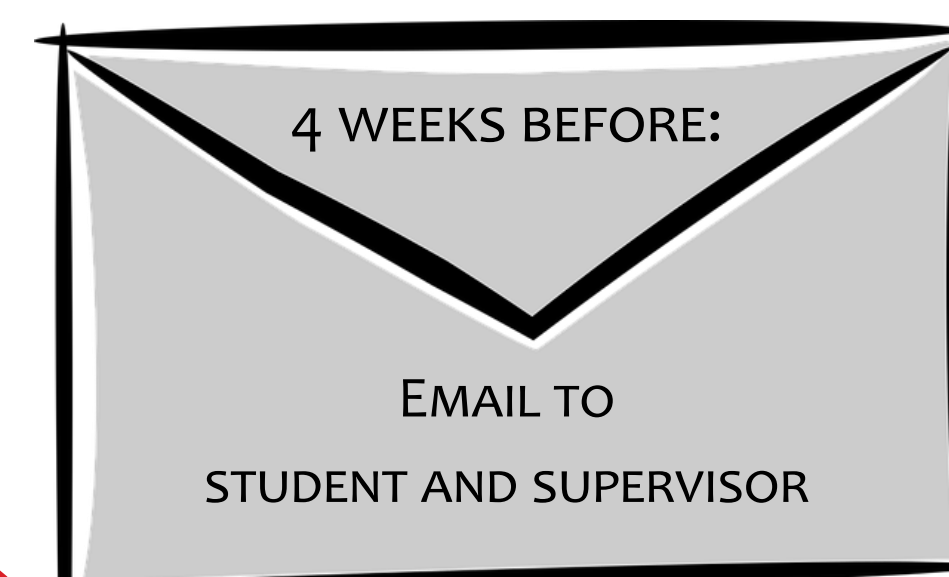
## Goals

- Helping students complete their research project
- Teaching them to plan well and avoid procrastination
- Progression with small weekly goals

## Please note

- SMART tasks
- Guidance by academic advisor
- In depth discussion sessions to exchange struggles & support each other

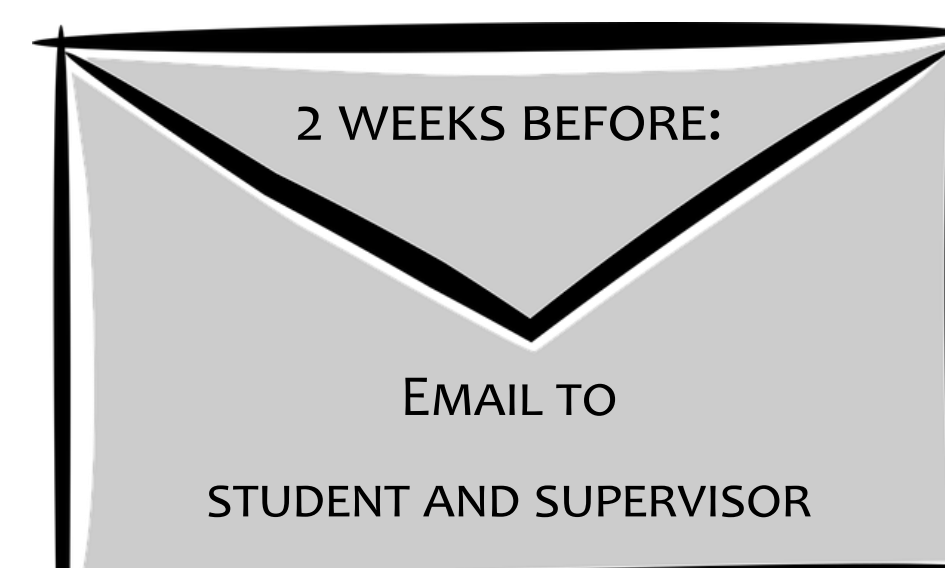
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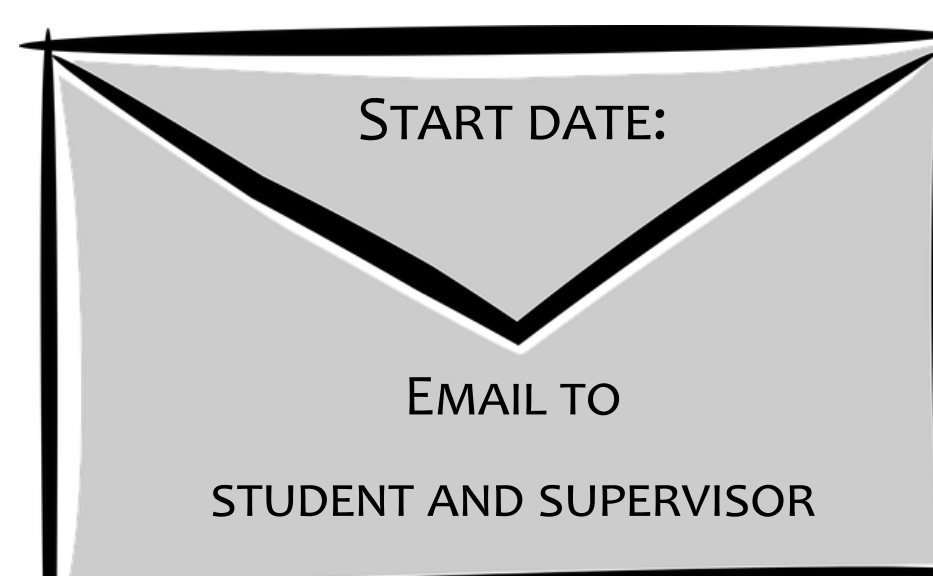
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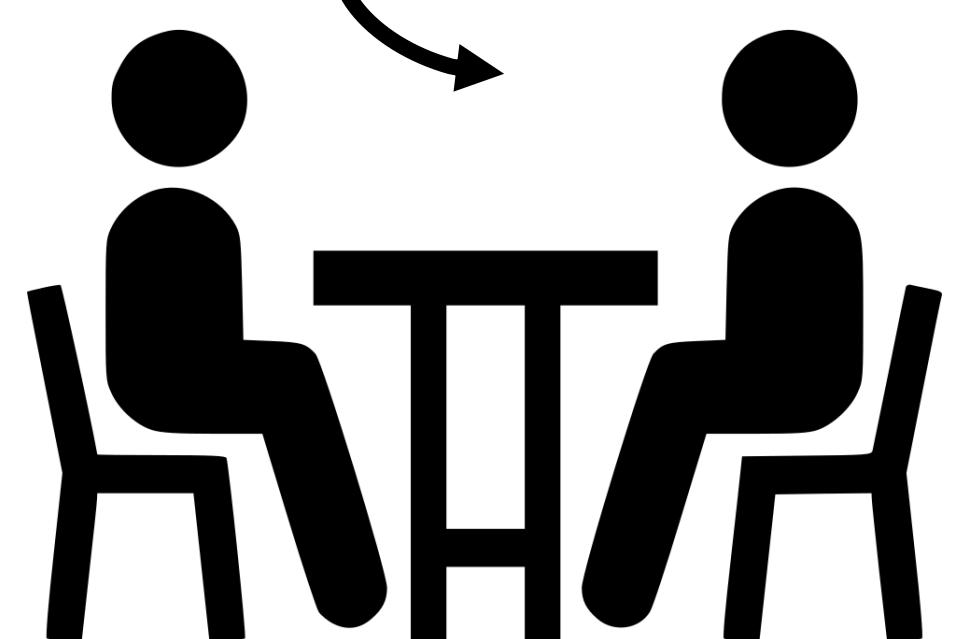
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**START DATE**



**DIGITAL FOLLOW  
SYSTEM**



## Goals

- An overview of all students doing a project
- Automatical emails to students and supervisor as a reminder
- Contact with student in case of delay by academic advisor

## Think about

- How to get the information in the tool: someone has to fill in the start, midterm and end date.
- Your goal for the system. We started with a much bigger system with official forms and tasks for supervisors. It turned out that we did not want to use this system for saving official forms, and that we spend too much time encouraging supervisors to fill in their part in the system. So we simplified it to a system without official forms and without active tasks for supervisors.

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