

#### 5) Approaching a potential supervisor

Once you have identified a potential supervisor, you should contact her or him via e-mail. However, as potential supervisors tend to obtain many such e-mails, yours needs to stand out! Be as specific as possible. Address the professor by name, introduce yourself, your experience and your interests, then explain why you are interested to work under the guidance of this specific professor rather than any other professor, and try to convince her/him, why she/he should be interested in you as a doctoral student instead of in any other student. Do not forget to attach a CV. It is acceptable to contact several potential supervisors in parallel, but make sure to let them know immediately if you have decided to develop a research project with a colleague.