THINGS TO CONSIDER BEFORE A PHD

FIND A GOOD SUPERVISOR
• Ask questions, lots of it (work / life balance, financial status, the program, the institute, etc.).
• Talk to current group members.
• Look at the track-record of graduating PhDs.
• Get an external mentor to guide and support you.

IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS
• Doing a PhD is a huge commitment, make sure you want it.
• Do you need a PhD for your future career?
• Is this the right time to start?
• Financial considerations.
• Be mentally prepared.

CHOOSE A PROJECT THAT FITS YOU
• Be ambitious, but realistic.
• Make sure you and the lab can perform the suggested research (funding, expertise, facilities).
• Choose something you are passionate about (!)

WHAT IS EXPECTED FROM YOU?
• Find out the expectations from the institute and your supervisor beforehand (work load, number of publications, courses, requirements for your thesis, time restrictions, etc.).