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Capstone Project Policy for Master of Engineering Students
Student Placement Process
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As part of launching their MEng experience, each student has the opportunity to explore over 150+ Capstone project options, interact with advisors, develop preferential rankings, and ultimately apply for a Capstone project team. These teams will work together over the course of the academic year in either faculty-led or industry-led projects and ultimately display or present their work at our Fung Institute Showcase in May.

This process officially starts with August Capstone Advisors Office Hours when students are able to review project options and interact with advisors in a compressed time frame. Capstone staff are also available to help with questions and facilitate information sharing. Capstone Advisor Office Hours provide students an accelerated means to quickly identify their target projects - the ones they're most interested in working on for the year.

In addition to office hours, students are provided project summaries in advance: 1-2 page descriptions including an outline and project scope as well as lists of required student technical skills, advisor contact info, ideal team size, and supplemental materials (i.e., video recording of project description or powerpoint, if applicable).

The expectation is that students are making informed decisions when submitting their project rankings, given the numerous resources and access to faculty, industry partners, and capstone staff during the office hours and matching process. Once students have submitted their top six preferences, they are committing to being placed in one of these projects. With that understanding, any requests to change capstone projects will not be considered after the capstone matching process has ended.

Exceptions to the Capstone Project Policy for MEng Students will be considered in special cases where the student's respective department mandates participation on a capstone project aligned with their concentration or specialization. Approval for such exceptions must be obtained from their respective department and it is the responsibility of the student to carefully rank projects relevant to their specialization during the matching process.