

4. Choosing an Advisor

Because design is a critical objective of your MQP, it is important that your advisor understand and practice engineering design. You must also have at least one advisor who is affiliated with the Industrial Engineering program. You should choose your advisor from the following list of faculty:

Professor Arthur Gerstenfeld
Professor Sharon Johnson
Professor Frances Noonan
Professor Amy Zeng
Professor Joe Zhu

If you are interested in working with a faculty member who is not on this list, you should first talk with the IE Program Director, Professor Sharon Johnson.

In addition to the above issues, consider that the relationship between you and your advisor will be distinctly different from the student/faculty relationship that you have experienced thus far. Most advisors play the role of a supervisor with whom you have made a contract. You will have helped to develop a series of goals and a plan of how to accomplish them and your supervisor will be meeting with you regularly to observe and discuss your progress. What kinds of qualities would you like to see in a supervisor? Who might you work best with? Who might challenge you to do your best work?