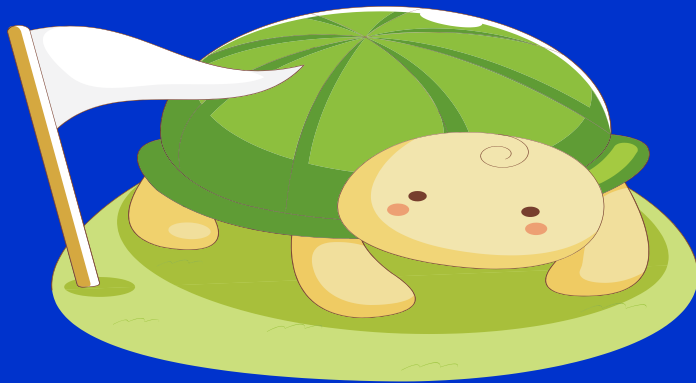


CCSBE 2010

Applying for Grants and Conducting Research: The Tortoise Approach



Dr. Kam Jugdev, PMP
Athabasca University

Workshop Agenda

- Purpose: Grant support network
- Your Cheering Squad
- The Judging Process
- Race Preparation
- Success
- Discussion

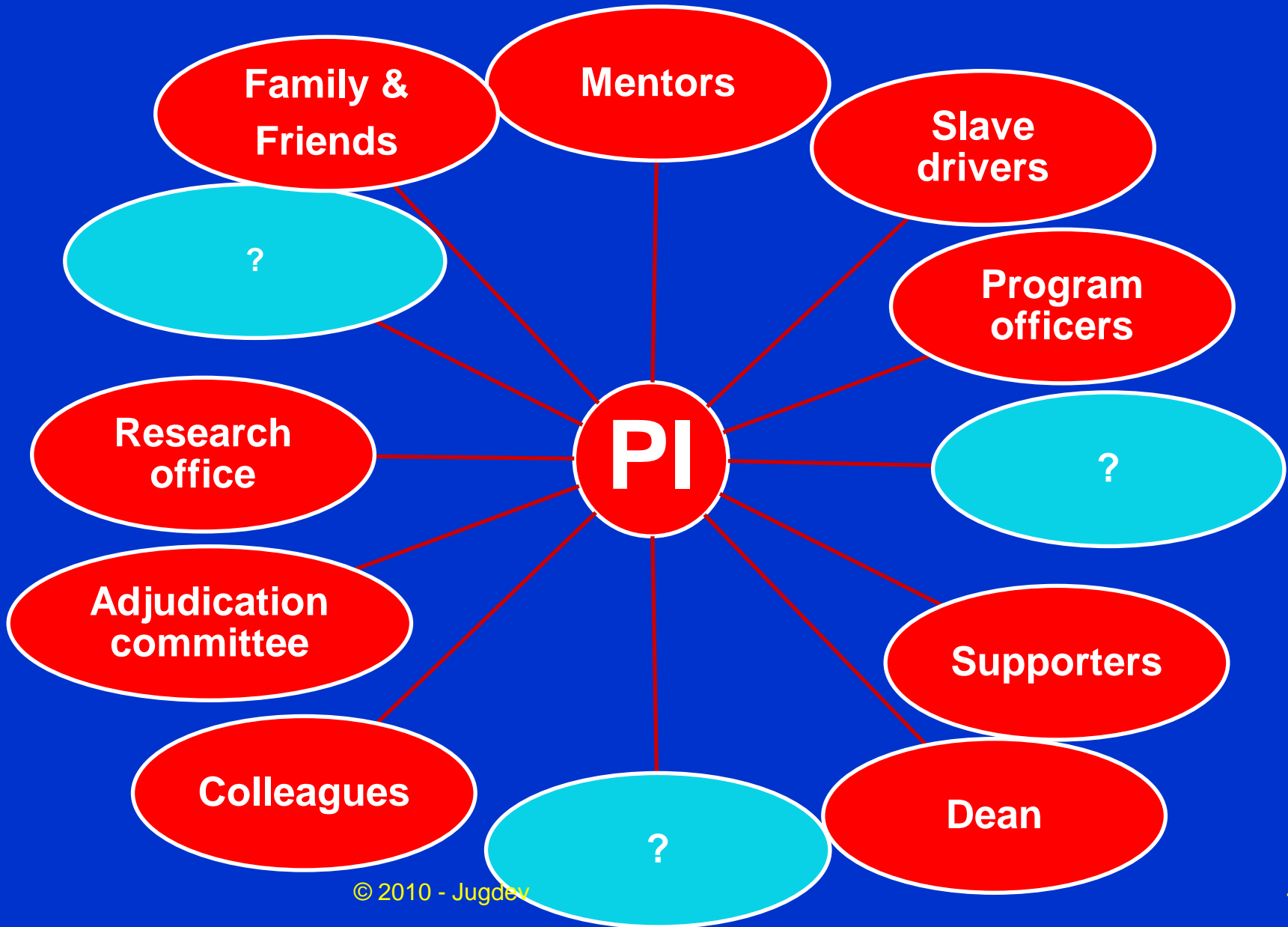


The Hare and the Tortoise (Aesop)

- Fable learnings



Your Cheering Squad



Race Preparation: The Judges

- Funders: SSHRC, NSERC, CIHR
 - Competitive grants
- Improve your odds with persistence
 - Follow all instructions : application process and regulations (financial administration)

*“Patience, persistence and perspiration
make an unbeatable combination for
success” Napoleon Hill*

SSHRC Standard Research Grants (SRG)

- 2008-2010 success rate - 34%
- SSHRC awards research engine
- 3-year cycle (approx \$80,000)
- Eligibility criteria
 - New and regular scholars

Recent SRG results

SSHRC	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011
Applications	2,731	2,880	2,717
Awards	904	941	986
4As	855	930	773
Success rate	33.1	32.7	36.3%
RTS awarded	132	129	0

Your Cheering Squad: Program Officer, help desk

- Roles

- Guidance but not feedback on applications
- Is not an adjudicator

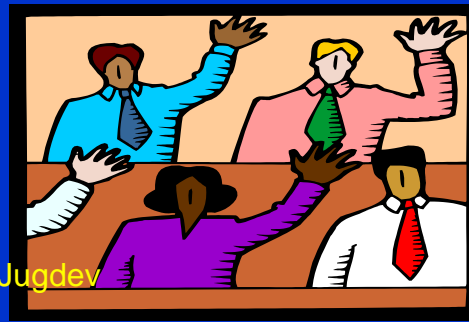
- Read the guidelines first

- Online application process



Peer Review Adjudication Committees

- 24 bilingual committees
 - Which committee do you fit into?
 - Who are the members?
 - Consult your program officer
 - 2 independent assessments / application



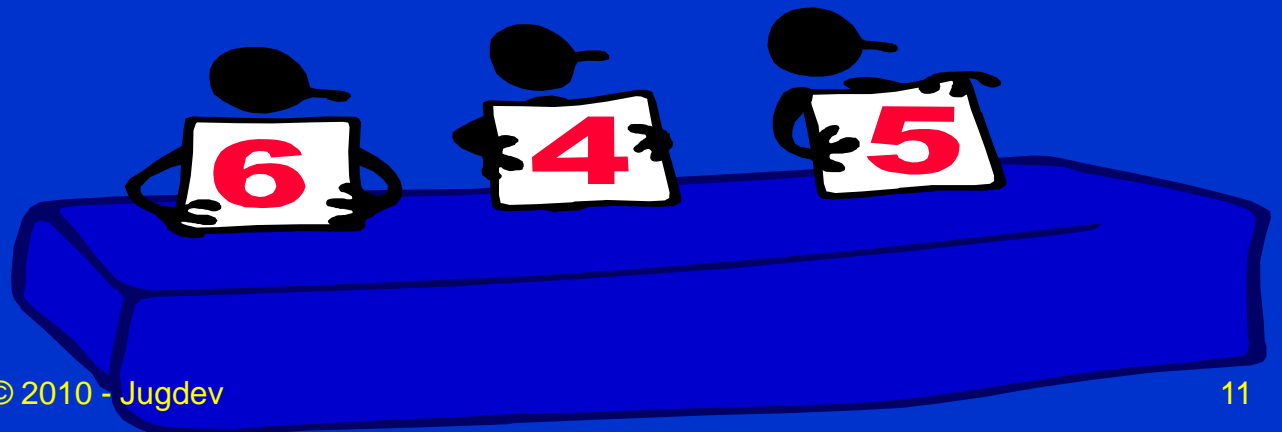
Peer Review Adjudication: Ranking

- Rank ~ 100 files/committee in a week
 - Short time to impress them
 - Submission guidelines, content, format, length matter
 - External assessments considered



Peer Review Adjudication: Scoring

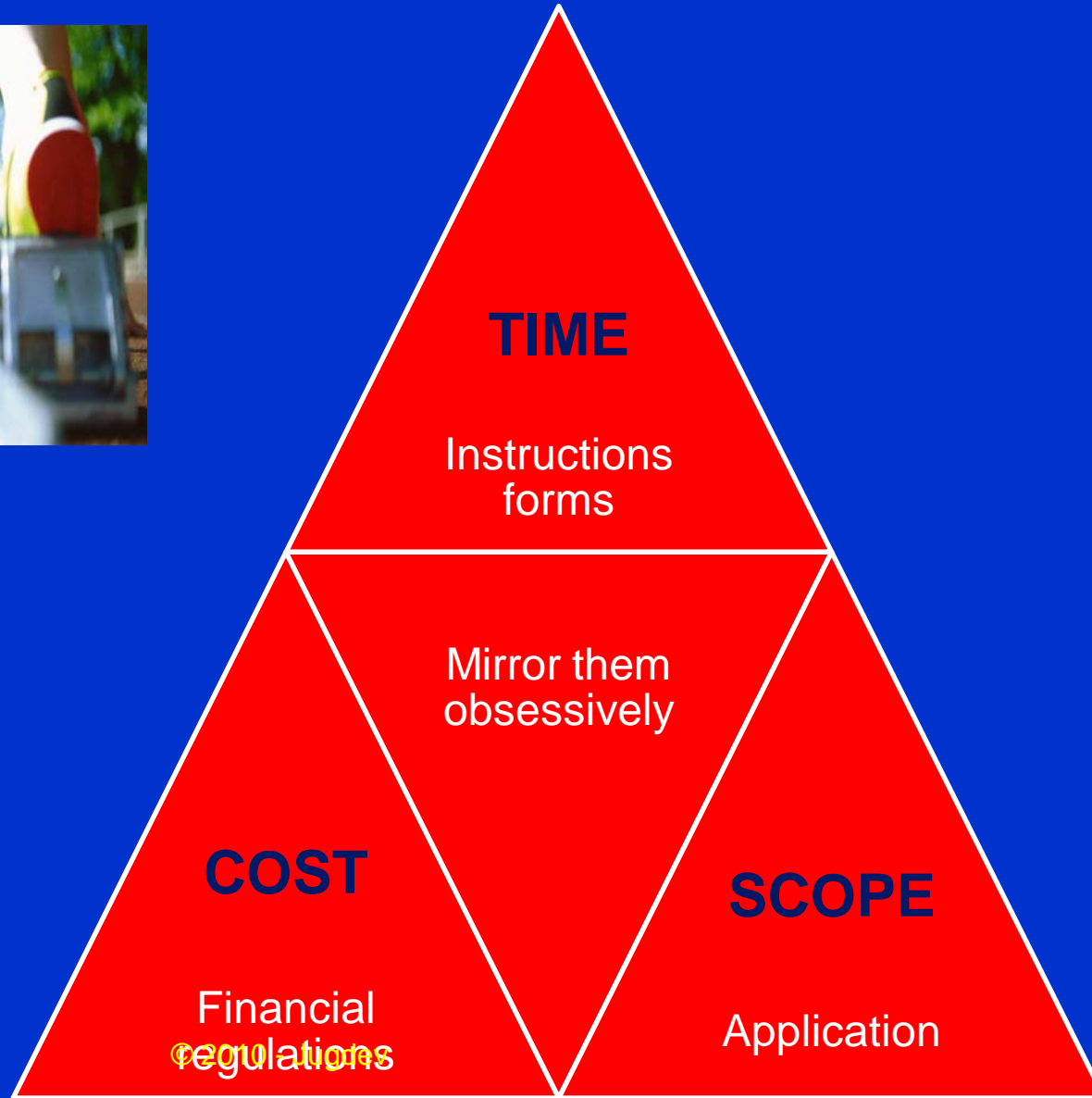
- Fundable categories
 - > 6.0 in record of research and program of research
 - Fundable but not funded (alternate or 4A)



Peer Review Adjudication: Scoring

- New scholar (5 years)
 - Record of research (track record) **40/60%**
 - Program of research (proposal) **60/40%**
- Regular scholar
 - Record of research (track record) **60%**
 - Program of research (proposal) **40%**

Race Preparation



SCOPE: Application - Program of Research

- Optional notice of intent (~Aug)
- Application (~Sept)
 - Write for the generalist
 - Be honest, convincing, engaging, unambiguous
 - Show your study's importance/significance

Evaluating the record of research

- 6 years of significant quality work
 - Research originality, impact, quantity
 - Other scholarly work
 - Academic and non-academic productivity and dissemination
 - Prior grants
 - Student training

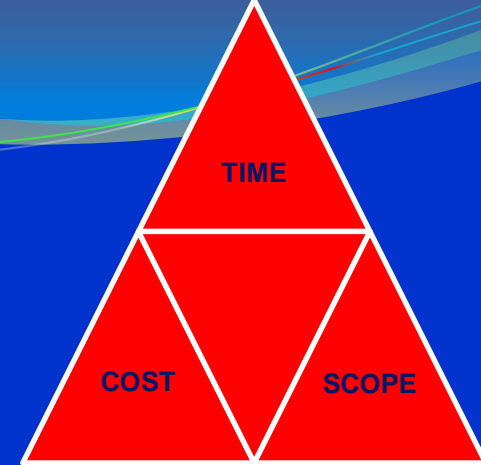
Is it ready to submit?

- 1 p. summary
- 6 p. proposal (detailed description)
- 2 p. references
- 4 p. team, student training, previous and ongoing research,
- 2 p. budget
- Attachments

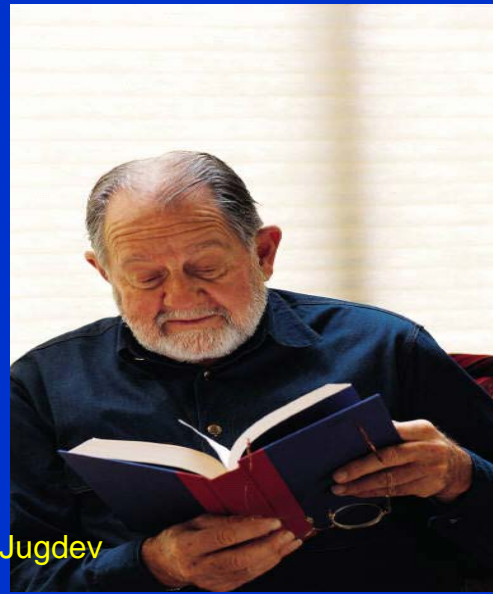
Evaluating the program of research

- Original and helps advance knowledge
 - Literature review
 - Theoretical framework
 - Methodology
 - Dissemination
 - Training

SCOPE: Application - Program of Research



- Stand on the shoulders of giants
- Actively tell an interesting and solid story



SCOPE: Application – The Story

- Some research has been done but there is a gap
 - An important problem
 - Discuss your proposed research in the context of the literature, theory
 - Show a conceptual framework

JUSTIFY



SCOPE: Application - The Story (cont'd)

- I am prepared to address the problem by doing this study and here's how (methodology)
 - Use an appropriate design and methodology
 - Confidently state your contribution(s)
 - Outline your dissemination plans

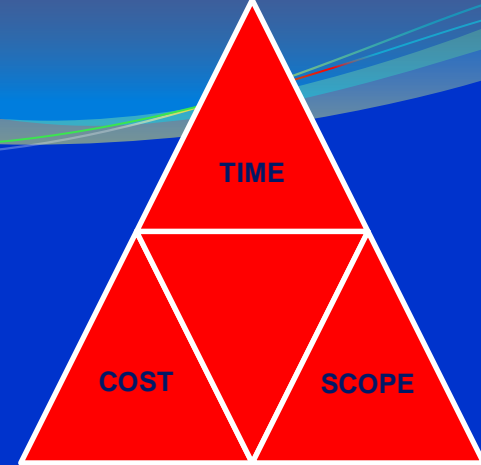
SCOPE: Application - The Story (cont'd)

- Write and edit..again and again
 - Barriers to writing
- Show how your track record makes you the one to do the study

SCOPE: Application - The Story Logistics (cont'd)

- Team and student roles
 - What will they do, contribute, learn?
- Research contributions (before)
 - Tangible, not drafted papers
- Exceptional circumstances
 - Leaves, illnesses
- Previous grants including 4As

COST: Budget



- Budget in detail and justify
 - Top % get the research time release
 - Use university rates of pay (RA levels, consultants)
 - Refer to budget in application
 - Example: Transcriptionist
 - Budget: 0.16 cents/line, 1 h interview (est.) =\$150
 - Actual: 1 line=65 strokes, 41,153 strokes=\$101.30

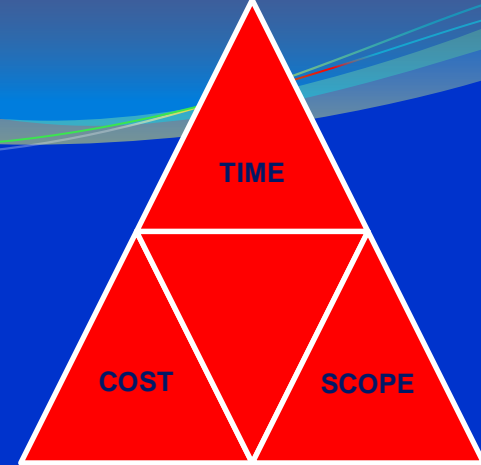


COST: Budget in detail

- People, travel, contract services, equipment, supplies...
- Be ready to hit the road running
 - Grants are retroactive to April yet results are announced in May
 - 1-year extensions

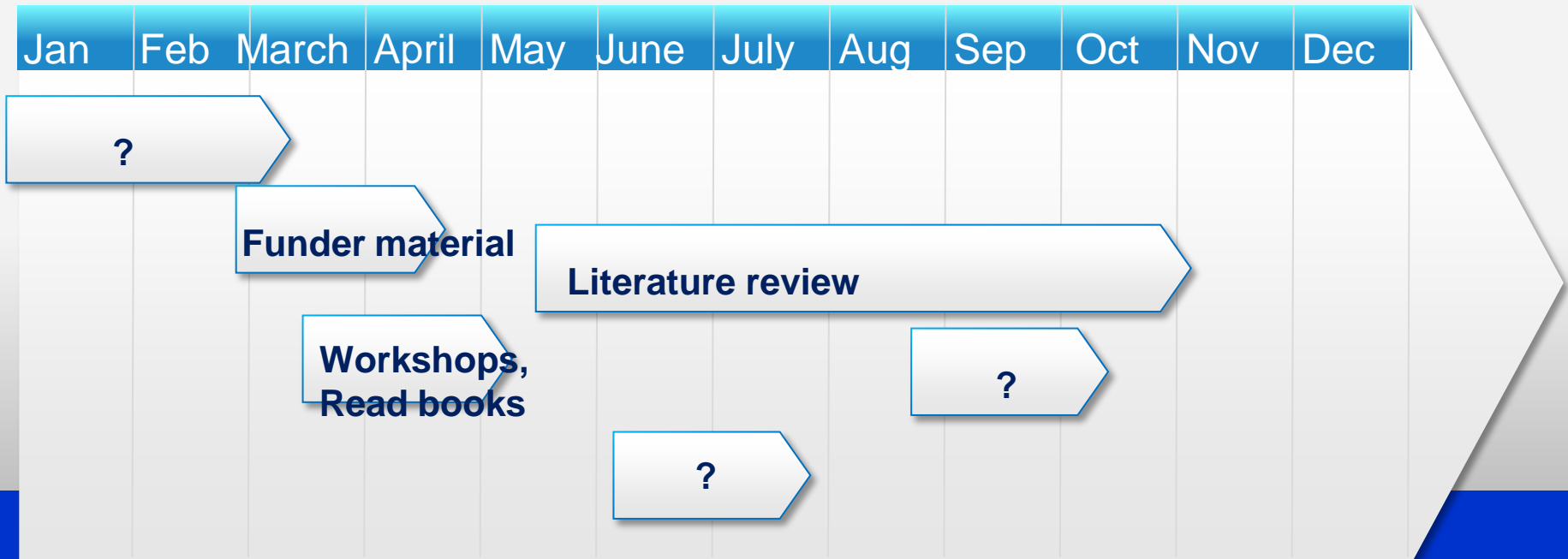
TIME: Schedule

- Part of application
- Long lead time
- Multiple deadlines
 - Funder, university, mentor, personal deadlines
- Life happens



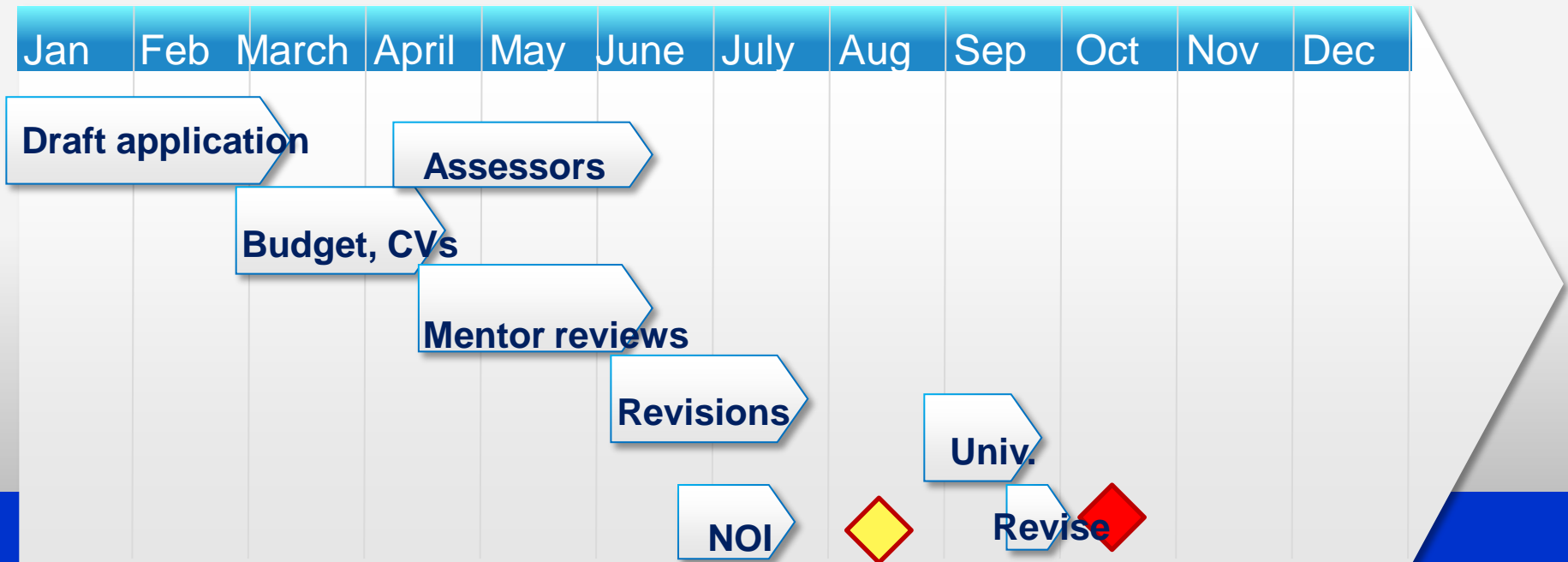
Timeline

2010



Timeline

2011



Many interpretations of success

- 1 Drafted a proposal for funding
- 2 Submitted proposal for funding
- 3 Applied for/received a university starter grant
- 4 Conducted a pilot study
- 5 Conference paper



Many interpretations of success

6 Conference paper plus proceedings

7 Rejected journal paper

8 Accepted journal paper

9 4A'd

10 Funded

11 ...

12 ...



Discussion ...Thank you

Dr. Kam Jugdev

kamj@athabascau.ca

Athabasca University

