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Stay organized from the
beginning. Using a citation
manager like Mendeley and
keeping everything
hyperlinked and cross-
referenced in Word will save
you a ton of time during your
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the thesis office your home,
but remember to leave at least
once a day!
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Creating and allowing for a
support team of thesis-ers and
scientists within EPS, and
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Don’t try to work from
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Plan things out ahead of
time and always work
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Remember the Preceptors and the rest of the EPS
Department are here to support you! In the spring,
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