

Expectations in Supervision

Read each of the statement statements below and then estimate your position in each. For example with statement 1, if you believe very strongly that it is the supervisor's responsibility to select a promising direction you should put a ring round '1'. If you think that both the supervisor and PhD student should be equally involved you put a ring round '3' and if you think it is definitely the PhD student's responsibility to select a promising direction, but a ring round '5'.

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	Supervisor		Scale (mark X)					PhD student		Comment
1	It is the supervisor’s responsibility to select a promising direction for the project		1	2	3	4	5	It is the PhD student’s responsibility to select a promising direction for the project		
2	If the research is part of a larger project, then the supervisor ‘owns’ the project and can decide directions		1	2	3	4	5	The research is always owned by the PhD student and he/she can decide on research questions and directions		
3	A supervisor should ensure that the thesis is finished within the 3 year period		1	2	3	4	5	It is up to the PhD student to manage time and finish the work		
4	A supervisor should direct a PhD student in the development of an appropriate plan of research		1	2	3	4	5	A PhD student should be able to work out a schedule and research plan appropriate to his/her needs		
5	The supervisor should establish the theoretical framework for the thesis research		1	2	3	4	5	The PhD student should establish the theoretical framework for the thesis research		
6	A supervisor should check constantly that a PhD student is on track and working consistently		1	2	3	4	5	PhD students should work independently and not have to account for how they spend their time. The supervisor should not check up on the PhD student.		

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7	A supervisor should give feedback on presentations prior to conferences etc.	1	2	3	4	5	It is up to the PhD student to obtain feedback and organise rehearsals of presentations prior to conferences etc.		
8	It is up to the supervisor to maintain an effective working relationship between supervisor and PhD student	1	2	3	4	5	It is up to the PhD student to maintain an effective working relationship between supervisor and PhD student		
9	Supervisors should initiate frequent meetings with their PhD student	1	2	3	4	5	It is up to the PhD student to decide when he/she wants meetings with the supervisor		
10	A supervisor should be available to assist the PhD student any time also outside working hours	1	2	3	4	5	A PhD student must ask for an appointment if problems arise and assistance is needed		
11	A supervisor should make the PhD student aware of facilities and resources in the organisation	1	2	3	4	5	A PhD student is responsible for knowing the relevant facilities and resources in the organisation		
12	Supervisors should be available to help the PhD student with personal problems that arise during the course of study	1	2	3	4	5	Supervisors should only help with issues directly related to the scientific work		
13	A supervisor should help the PhD student develop a network of fellow students or staff	1	2	3	4	5	Developing a network of fellow students or staff is entirely up to the PhD student		
14	A supervisor can contribute to the direct writing of manuscripts/ papers as any co-author	1	2	3	4	5	A supervisor should be very wary not to contribute with writing, but only with comments		

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15	A supervisor should insist on seeing drafts of every section of the thesis to ensure that it is flawless	1	2	3	4	5	It is up to the PhD student to ask for constructive criticism from the supervisor		
16	The supervisor is responsible for knowing the rules and regulations	1	2	3	4	5	The PhD student is responsible for knowing the rules and regulation		