Students-supervisors: Roles and responsibilities

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- Code of conduct for responsible research practices
- The Plagiarism Policy Agreement
- General Regulations G.16 to G.61 of the University of Pretoria
Candidate - UP MoU

- Regular scheduled meetings (3 monthly) – scheduled by candidate
- Contact via email (monthly)
- Time chart - minimum time period
  - Literature review
  - Research proposal
  - Research
  - Thesis
- Written reports on progress
- Submitted work is written in an acceptable standard of English. It is not the supervisor’s duty to do “rough editing ” and (s)he will merely concentrate on contents and structure
- Revisions resubmitted within one calendar month (along with the copy of the previous manuscript with comments)
- Any class, workshop or course
- Candidate has to demonstrate his/her research competence in order to be awarded a degree.
Candidate - general

- Be committed and take responsibility
- Plan and execute
- Be interested, informed and innovative
- Contribute to the team
- Dependable and accessible
- Work with an end in mind - clear goals
Supervisor - UP MoU

- Supervisor to be easily accessible
- Clear mediation mechanisms - grievances, personal problems or disagreements
- Work submitted to the supervisor to be returned within a reasonable time (maximum turnover of one month), accompanied by written comments on the manuscript as well as separate general comments.
- The supervisor must set out, where applicable, his/her plans for providing supervision in terms of the time chart.
- The supervisor must indicate any expected absence, such as leave/sabbaticals (providing alternative arrangements for supervision if away for more than two months in any one year).
Supervisors - general

• Committed to your research and educational program

• Plan, enable and supervise your research

• Guide and model best practices

• Available and responsive

• Set boundaries

• Prepare to finish and be examined
General

• Authorship should be discussed and agreed upon by all parties concerned.

• The intellectual property rights of the outcome of the research will be determined by the agreement that the candidate has with the University of Pretoria and which is in line with the policy of the University of Pretoria.

• Should a candidate fail to maintain satisfactory academic progress at any phase of his/her period of study, the supervisor may, after consultation with the candidate, send the candidate a warning letter indicating the seriousness of the matter. This letter should also include written instructions on the conditions that need to be met in order to achieve/accomplish satisfactory progress/performance. The candidate will then be placed on probation and be monitored for a period of three months. Should the candidate fail to rectify his/her progress and/or improve his/her performance, he or she will have his/her registration terminated by the Dean on the recommendation of the Postgraduate Committee (General Regulation G.4).
Ten types of PhD supervisor relationships – which is yours?
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- Cheap labour
- The ‘ghost supervisor’
- The chum
- Collateral damage
- Combatant
- Creepy crawlers
- Captivate and con
- Counsellor
- Colleague in training
“…preaching the message that, with apparently only one life to live on this earth, you ought to try to make significant contributions to humanity rather than just get along through life comfortably—that the life of trying to achieve excellence in some area is in itself a worthy goal for your life... [A] life without a struggle...is hardly a life worth living...”

–Richard Hamming