Your provisional year

Working well with your supervisors and achieving your provisional goals
Supervision

What’s your **supervisor’s** style?
What’s **your** preferred style?

![Diagram showing the spectrum of supervision styles: Project focused vs. Person focused, Micromanaging vs. Hands off. Points mark different styles.](image)
Supervision can change

- **Early phase**: Often more intense until thesis is scoped.
- **Mid phase**: Main input in reading, commenting, encouragement.
- **Completion**: Preparation for submission; supervisor’s input is crucial.
- **Beyond the doctorate**
• Frequency and means of contact with your supervisor
• What kind of assistance have you found helpful?
• Is there anything your supervisor does that is not helpful?

Provisional Year Review / research proposal
Tips for working effectively with your supervisory team

1. Clarify roles and responsibilities
   See: Postgraduate Supervision Guidelines

2. Remember your priorities are different

3. Take care of meetings/admin

4. Ask for specific feedback

5. Bring solutions as well as problems

6. Maintain good communication

Provisional year goals

1. Attendance at one of the DSP Induction Days ✓
2. Completion of online Diagnostic English Language Needs Assessment (DELNA)
3. Completion of the online Academic Integrity Module
4. Completion of health and safety risk assessment
5. Approval of a full thesis proposal (Tools see: Idea Puzzle)
6. Presentation of proposal at a departmental seminar
7. Completion of one substantial piece of writing within 12 months
8. Ethics approvals/permissions (if required)
9. Completion of a needs analysis
Download the Doctoral Candidate Needs Analysis form
Researcher Development Framework
Enterprising Researcher Module

Welcome

Introduction

The Enterprising Researcher module will help you to assess your current enterprising skills and identify ways to develop them. Hopefully you will be inspired by the stories of doctoral students and alumni who seized opportunities to develop their enterprising skills and benefited by becoming better researchers, increasing the impact of their research, and pursuing alternative career paths.

Find out more:
Enterprising Researcher Module
Doctoral Skills Programme

Workshops and online resources to help you develop skills in:

- Academic writing
- Information literacy
- Research data management
- Communication skills
- Commercialising research

Book a workshop or access the DSP Hub
Centre for eResearch

- **Digital skills workshops**
  - e.g. LaTex, Programming with R and Python, Research Data Management and more)
- **ResearchHub**
- **Hacky Hour** (3-4pm @ Strata Cafe every Thursday)
- **RezBaz (Research Bazaar) ~ July**
  - 3-day festival promoting digital research skills (see [RezBaz 2018](#))
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- **Doctoral Academic Leadership Initiative (DALI)**
  - A series of fortnightly seminars over two semesters, with a focus on leadership in academia, teaching, and research
  - Competitive entry
  - Mid-phase doctoral candidates

- **Tutor training**
Other opportunities

- **PhD Research Innovation and Commercialisation Course**
  - 2-day course, 11-12 April 2019

- **Velocity**
  - Entrepreneurship Programme

- **Varsity Toastmasters**

- **Postgraduate Student Association**
Postgraduate Events

Postgraduate events

- Doctoral morning teas
  Thursday 28 February
  *Competitions, collaborations and courses: Making the most of your doctorate*

- Three-minute thesis

- Exposure
How do I find out about upcoming events?

Sign up to Postgrad News

www.auckland.ac.nz/en/students/academic-information/postgraduate-students/postgraduate-events.html (Scroll to the end of the page)
People and coffee