

## Doctoral Supervision Development Guide

### This guide is for newly registered Doctoral students and the supervisors

This guide is intended to facilitate a discussion between Doctoral candidates and their supervisors in order to clarify their respective expectations and to assist in the development of their working relationship.

All of the parties listed below strongly recommend that you hold such a discussion within six months of registration, because it will help to avoid the most common pitfalls and misunderstandings in the progress of supervised research.

The candidate should confirm to the Postgraduate Adviser of your Department that this discussion has taken place (there is no need to notify the Graduate Centre).

### Your Discussion

It is suggested that you both consider the following questions in advance, and use them as the basis for your discussion.

- What am I doing as a supervisor that is especially helpful to you?
- What do you think I could do to be of further help?
- Are you progressing at the rate you expected?
- What do you feel are the particular problems and / or issues that you would welcome help with?
- Are there any aspects of our respective roles, of our supervisory relationship, which need to be clarified or reviewed?
- Are you on track to complete the requirements of your provisional registration?

Issues that you may wish to discuss include the research proposal, the frequency and duration of meetings, preparations for meetings, the level and rate of work expected, the role of co-supervisors and advisers, intellectual property, authorship of papers, availability of equipment, changes in student's or supervisor's situation which may bear on supervision or progress.

### Sources of other information and help

- All postgraduate guides and policies may be found on the web. Search for Statute and Guidelines for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy, Guidelines for Negotiating Supervision and Senate Guidelines for Thesis Supervision.
- The Student Learning Centre offers training for research students. See [www.clc.auckland.ac.nz/pg](http://www.clc.auckland.ac.nz/pg)
- The centre for Professional Development offers staff development, [www.auckland.ac.nz/cpd](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/cpd)
- The University Mediator's Office has online help at [www.auckland.ac.nz/mdr](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/mdr)

If either of you feel that there are still aspects of your progress of your working relationships for which you need guidance or help, please contact one or more of the following:

- Postgraduate Advisor or Head of your Department
- Associate Dean (Postgraduate) of your Faculty
- Graduate Centre 373 7588, ext 86899
- Dean of Graduate Studies 373 7588, ext 87819
- WAVE 309 0789, ext 238
- Resolve Network 373 7599, ext 88905