

# Expectations in Supervision

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

Course: \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_

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

1	It is the supervisor's responsibility to select a research topic	<u>1</u> 2 3 4 5	The student is responsible for selecting her/his own topic
2	It is the supervisor who decides which theoretical framework or methodology is most appropriate	<u>1</u> 2 3 4 5	Students should decide which theoretical framework or methodology they wish to use
3	The supervisor should develop an appropriate program and timetable of research and study for the student	<u>1</u> 2 3 4 5	The supervisor should leave the development of the program of study to the student
4	The supervisor is responsible for ensuring that the student is introduced to the appropriate services and facilities of the department and University	<u>1</u> 2 3 4 5	It is the student's responsibility to ensure that she/he has located and accessed all relevant services and facilities for research
5	Supervisors should only accept students when they have specific knowledge of the student's chosen topic	<u>1</u> 2 3 4 5	Supervisors should feel free to accept students, even if they do not have specific knowledge of the student's topic
6	A warm, supportive relationship between supervisor and student is important for successful candidature	<u>1</u> 2 3 4 5	A personal, supportive relationship is inadvisable because it may obstruct objectivity for both student and supervisor during candidature
7	The supervisor should insist on regular meetings with the student	<u>1</u> 2 3 4 5	The student should decide when she/he wants to meet with the supervisor
8	The supervisor should check regularly that the student is working consistently and on task	<u>1</u> 2 3 4 5	The student should work independently and not have to account for how and where time is spent
9	The supervisor is responsible for providing emotional support & encouragement to the student	<u>1</u> 2 3 4 5	Personal counselling and support are not the responsibility of the supervisor - students should look elsewhere
10	The supervisor should insist on seeing all drafts of work to ensure that the student is on the right track	<u>1</u> 2 3 4 5	Students should submit drafts of work only when they want constructive criticism from the supervisor
11	The supervisor should assist in the writing of the thesis if necessary	<u>1</u> 2 3 4 5	The writing of the thesis should only ever be the student's own work
12	The supervisor is responsible for decisions regarding the standard of the thesis	<u>1</u> 2 3 4 5	The student is responsible for decisions concerning the standard of the thesis