BEST PRACTICE GUIDE

PhD Supervision Lifecycle

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Relationships Within PhD Supervision Teams

A framework for collaborative doctoral support

PRIMARY SUPERVISOR

- Oversees research and academic development
- Main institutional contact
- Coordinates input from co-supervisor
- Maintains record of agreed feedback

CO–SUPERVISOR

- Provides specialised expertise
- Supports methodology and frameworks
- Complements work of primary supervisor
- Broadens candidate's knowledge and subject expertise

TEAM COORDINATION

- Regular joint meetings with candidate
- Supervisor-only alignment meetings
- Conflict mediation led by primary supervisor
- Shared decisions on research milestones

BENEFITS:

Wider expertise

Enhanced feedback

Expanded networks

Stronger support

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