

## PhD Student – Supervisor Questionnaire *from PhD Voice*

It's important for supervisors and PhD students to understand what each expects from each other, and arrive at an agreement. That helps the PhD project function effectively and efficiently.

The questionnaire below is simply designed and targets the important aspects of the PhD student – Supervisor relationship.

### *How to use the questionnaire*

For each student you have, fill this questionnaire out yourself and have them fill it out as well. Once you've both done that, come back together and go through your answers. Ideally, they should match. If they don't match, discuss why they don't and arrive at an agreement.

You can use this questionnaire as often as you like – if you feel like the dynamic of the PhD project is changing, then you can go through the questionnaire again, answer the questions, and come to an agreement.

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### Question 1)

How often do you expect to have meetings with your supervisor?

- a) Every day
- b) Every week
- c) Every month
- d) Every quarter

### Question 2)

How much of a role do you expect your supervisor to play in your research?

- a) Literally hands-on
- b) Processing data and working through problems with yourself
- c) Simply a sounding board for ideas with minimal input
- d) No input

### Question 3)

How much emotional support should a supervisor give their PhD student?

- a) A surrogate parent
- b) A good friend
- c) Very little
- d) None at all

### Question 4)

If you had to choose between a more knowledgeable supervisor and a more emotionally supportive supervisor, which would you choose?

- a) More knowledgeable
- b) More emotionally supportive



Question 5)

How much of your supervisor's working time do you expect to be spent on their PhD students?

- a) 0-20%
- b) 21-40%
- c) 41-60%
- d) 61-80%
- e) 81-100%

Question 6)

Do you expect your supervisor to get you a job after you've completed your PhD?

- a) Yes, definitely
- b) I expect them to try their best
- c) No

Question 7)

If you were to ever be abused, how do you expect your supervisor to help and support you?  
(short answer)

