



Effective postgraduate supervision is essential for students' learning and success and quality of their postgraduate research. Yet unclear expectations and responsibilities, poor planning of research projects and providing multiple rounds of feedback on students' work often create additional workload for academic supervisors. In addition, guiding students through writing different components of their thesis and coaching them how to effectively share their research findings is rarely done using a systematic approach, often taking considerable amount of academic staff time.

The course will offer practical strategies and tools for streamlining student supervision processes to improve confidence, competence and effectiveness of academic supervisors.

Specific Course Objectives*



Discuss effective practices for supervising university students



Help supervisors guide students through the process of writing research reports and preparing research presentations



Explore tools to improve the supervision of student research projects

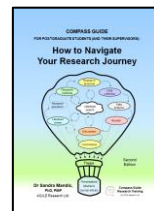
Target Audience

Supervisors of student research projects

Relevant Resource

[Compass Guide for Postgraduate Students \(and Their Supervisors\)](#)

This book is available in English and Spanish



Course Delivery Format*

2 to 7 sessions of 1.5 to 2 hours each*



Presentations



Group discussions



Workbook activities



Online polls



Examples



Videos

**Specific course objectives and course format are suggested options only. Offered courses will be customised based on clients' needs.*

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Supercharge Your Supervision of Postgraduate Students

Sessions*

Session Objectives*

Session 1:

Effective practices for supervising university students

- Understanding the context of student research projects and student supervision requirements
- Introduce the scope-time-resources triangle of project management
- Discuss ideas for overcoming challenges while supervising research students
- Reflections and your plan

Session 2:

Working with students:
Clarifying expectations

- Helping your students be great – and succeed
- Working effectively with your research students
- Clarifying roles, responsibilities and expectations for student research projects
- Exploring a tool for clarifying roles, responsibilities and expectations for student research projects

Session 3:

Helping students plan the timeline for their research projects

- Exploring student research projects through a project management lens
- Creating milestones for student research projects
- Helping students plan the timeline for their research projects using templates

Session 4:

Guiding students through writing research reports

- Discussing suggestions for planning and writing a literature review
- Providing tips for writing research methods, results, discussion and conclusions
- Helping students put together an academic research report
- Creating a checklist to guide students through writing research reports

Session 5:

Teaching students to communicate research findings effectively

- Discussing advantages and disadvantages of presenting results in text, tables and figures
- Discussing guidelines for designing effective research presentations
- Providing suggestions for designing research posters
- Creating a list of tips for students to use to effectively present research results

Session 6:

Providing effective feedback on students' work

- Discussing current feedback practices for various types of student projects
- Introducing Compass Guide feedback templates as a tool to assist with providing effective feedback
- Creating feedback templates for student research project reports
- Participants' reflections on insights gained from this course

Session 7:

Presentations by participants, feedback and course evaluation

- Participants' presentations: New ideas, innovative tools and/or participants' action plan for supervision of student research projects
- Course conclusions and course evaluation

**Session numbers, topics and objectives will be customised based on clients' needs.*

