**SGDIA Expectations in Research Supervision**

This questionnaire is designed to facilitate discussion of expectations held by SGDIA postgraduate research students and their supervisors. The questions cover many of the issues that arise during supervision of a research degree.

It is recommended that the form be completed independently by supervisor and student and that the responses be the topic of discussion at an early supervision meeting. Where supervisor and student have different expectations, these should be reconciled.

The major objective of this process is seen to be in assisting the research student and supervisor to establish an effective working relationship for the duration of the research degree.

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1. Whose responsibility is it?

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| Indicate your view of issues in the first table by circling a point on the line in the middle column. Who should have responsibility for: | | |  |
| 1. | Selection of the students research topic | 1 2 3 4 5  Supervisor Student | |
| 2. | Establishing the theoretical framework for the thesis research | 1 2 3 4 5  Supervisor Student | |
| 3 | Identifying a program of background reading or study for the student | 1 2 3 4 5  Supervisor Student | |
| 4 | Developing a schedule for completion of tasks the student will undertake during the degree | 1 2 3 4 5  Supervisor Student | |
| 5 | Organising regular meetings between student and supervisor | 1 2 3 4 5  Supervisor Student | |
| 6 | Making the student aware of facilities and resources in the department and university | 1 2 3 4 5  Supervisor Student | |
| 7 | Preparing the student for public presentations of research ideas or results | 1 2 3 4 5  Supervisor Student | |
| 8 | Providing resources that will support the students research | 1 2 3 4 5  Supervisor Student | |
| 9 | Developing a network of fellow students or staff for the student | 1 2 3 4 5  Supervisor Student | |
| 10 | Ensuring the students program is on track and on schedule | 1 2 3 4 5  Supervisor Student | |
| 11 | Providing emotional support and encouragement to the student | 1 2 3 4 5  Supervisor Student | |
| 12 | Maintaining an effective working relationship between supervisor and student | 1 2 3 4 5  Supervisor Student | |
| 13 | Ensuring the thesis will be of an acceptable standard when examined | 1 2 3 4 5  Supervisor Student | |
| 14 | Ensuring the current research literature has been identified and read by the student | 1 2 3 4 5  Supervisor Student | |
| 15 | Other Issues | 1 2 3 4 5  Supervisor Student | |

1. Do you agree?

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| Circle the point on the line that represents your view on the following issues: | | |
| 15. | A strong personal relationship between supervisor and student is inadvisable during candidature | 1 2 3 4 5  Disagree Agree |
| 16. | The supervisor should assist the student in writing the thesis if necessary | 1 2 3 4 5  Disagree Agree |
| 17. | The supervisor should provide most of the supervision, rather than the co-supervisor | 1 2 3 4 5  Disagree Agree |
| 18. | The supervisor should see all drafts of the students written work | 1 2 3 4 5  Disagree Agree |
| 19. | The supervisor should assist the student in completing the analysis of the project data | 1 2 3 4 5  Disagree Agree |
| 20. | The supervisor should provide detailed commentary on all written work submitted by the student | 1 2 3 4 5  Disagree Agree |
| 21 | The supervisor’s written comments should normally be returned within 2 weeks from time of submission | 1 2 3 4 5  Disagree Agree |
| 22 | The supervisor should be advised if the student is having difficulties with their coursework | 1 2 3 4 5  Disagree Agree |
| 23. | The supervisor should be advised if the student is experiencing personal difficulties during their course of study | 1 2 3 4 5  Disagree Agree |
| 24. | Any published work arising from the candidate’s thesis research should be attributed to the candidate alone. | 1 2 3 4 5  Disagree Agree |
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