

PhD Supervision Principles

Helsinki GSE is dedicated to follow international best practices in PhD supervision. In doing so, the GSE community as a whole strictly adheres to our [Code of Conduct](#), [Finnish Code of Conduct for Research Integrity guidelines by the Finnish National Board on Research Integrity](#), TENK, and our member institutions guidelines at Aalto, Hanken, and [the University of Helsinki](#).

Common rules of engagement at the GSE level, as based on our home institutions' guidance and applied from the discipline's perspective, include the following:

Responsibilities of the doctoral researcher

- Commits to the doctoral thesis project and understands the responsibility in carrying out the research work and completion of the doctoral degree
- Adheres to the schedule of thesis work agreed jointly with the supervisors
- Completes the required core courses and other coursework according to the study plan, as well as participates in the workshops, seminars, and other events, as expected from PhD students
- Alerts the supervisor at an early stage of any difficulties or perceived lack of progress.
- Applies on time for funding and keeps the supervisor updated regarding the funding

The supervisor

- Helps the doctoral researcher to prepare and update the study plan
- Provides feedback, within a reasonable time, on the dissertation manuscript or parts of it and on texts related to the research process
- Familiarises with the material submitted by the doctoral researcher and comments on it at the meetings
- Is available for, and is active in arranging, meetings with the students regularly, e.g. on a monthly basis.
- Encourages the doctoral researcher to write academic publications and give presentations and provides guidance in related matters, including about upcoming seminars and potential outlets for publishing research.
- Monitors the doctoral researcher's overall progress, informs the doctoral researcher immediately if either the progress or the standard of the work is unsatisfactory, and arranges necessary supportive action.
- Discusses with the doctoral researcher the researcher's goals and career plans
- Ensures that the doctoral researcher is aware of any ethical or legal considerations associated with the research project.
- Helps the doctoral researcher in applying for funding (e.g., references).

- Supports the student's placement in the job market – domestic or international, depending on the student's goals -- after graduation

Other comments

GSE encourages students to contact the persons responsible for the doctoral programs in the GSE institutions, or the Academic or Deputy Academic Director of GSE, should they encounter any difficulties in the supervision arrangements.