

GUIDELINES FOR DOCTORAL SUPERVISION

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The supervision of doctoral students remains a key factor determining the successful and timely completion of a PhD/DBA. The profile of a PhD/DBA supervisor is therefore based on the following criteria:

(A) Main Supervisor

A main supervisor provides appropriate academic and administrative guidance and support so as to enable the student to achieve his/her full research potential and reach the standard required a PhD or DBA.

The main supervisor should

- (i) possess an earned Doctorate (normally in the research field of the supervisee) from a recognized institution;
- (ii) reckon at least 3 years post doctorate experience at tertiary level.
- (iii) published in peer-reviewed journals/conference proceedings/book chapters (of which at least five impact factor/ranked journal publications and at least three publications in conference proceedings) normally in the proposed field of study.
- (iv) supervisory experience at doctoral level.

(B) Associate Supervisor

Associate supervisors can be appointed (jointly agreed by main supervisor and the learner) in the case where a research project has an interdisciplinary dimension. The Associate supervisors should complement the responsibilities of the Main Supervisor.

The Associate supervisor should

- (i) possess an earned Doctorate (research field of the supervisee) from a recognized institution;
- (ii) reckon at least 2 years post doctorate experience at tertiary level
- (iii) preferably published in accredited research journals in the proposed field of study.

Learners are required to identify their supervisor and that supervision at doctoral level should deemed to be by mutual consent between the learner and their supervisor.

Once the consent of the supervisor has been granted, approval of the University is required with regards to eligibility and appointment of the supervisor.