



HDR Candidature; The Supervisory Relationship

The Role Perception Scale

Read each a pair of statements below. Each expresses a point of view that supervisors and student may take. You may not agree with either of the statements, in this case, estimate your position and mark it on the scale. For example, if you believe strongly that supervisors should select the research topic, you would circle "1" on the scale and if you definitely think it is the students responsibility to select a topic, circle 5.

1	It is a supervisors responsibility to select a promising topic	1 2 3 4 5	It is a student's responsibility to select a promising topic
2	The supervisor should decide the theoretical framework	1 2 3 4 5	A student has the right to choose a theoretical standpoint even if it conflicts with the supervisors views
3	The supervisor should direct a student in the development of their program of research and study	1 2 3 4 5	A student should be able to work out a schedule and research program
4	A supervisor should ensure that a student has access to all required facilities, materials and resources	1 2 3 4 5	The student must find the necessary facilities and resources for their candidature and work out their entitlements
5	Supervisor-student relationships are purely professional and personal relationships should not develop	1 2 3 4 5	Close personal relationships are essential for successful supervision
6	A supervisor should initiate meetings with a student	1 2 3 4 5	A student should initiate supervisory meetings
7	A supervisor should check constantly that a student is on track and working consistently	1 2 3 4 5	Students should find their own way without having to account for how they spend their time
8	A supervisor should terminate a candidature if they think the student will not succeed	1 2 3 4 5	A supervisor should support the student regardless of their opinion of the students capability
9	A supervisor should ensure that the thesis is completed within minimum time	1 2 3 4 5	Provided a student works steadily they should take the time they need to finish
10	A supervisor has direct responsibility for the methodology and content of the thesis	1 2 3 4 5	A student has total responsibility for ensuring that the methodology and content of the thesis are suitable
11	A supervisor should assist with the actual writing of the thesis if the student has difficulties and ensure that the presentation is flawless	1 2 3 4 5	A student must take full responsibility for the presentation of the thesis, including grammar and spelling
12	A supervisor should insist on seeing drafts of every section of the thesis in order to give feedback on the work	1 2 3 4 5	It is up to the student to ask for feedback from supervisors

(based on Moses 1985)

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