

## Early issues

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### 1. Supervisors' roles

- What is the role of your principal supervisor?
- What is the role of your associate supervisor?
- What is the role of any other supervisors you may have (e.g. team leader, research supervisor, adviser)
- If you have more than one supervisor how will this 'fit' with the role of your principal supervisor?
- Do any of your supervisors have plans to take leave within the period of your candidacy? If so, what contingency plans are in place?

### 2. Supervisory meetings

- What time and how frequently will you meet?
- Where will you meet?
- Who will initiate the meetings?
- What contact will you have outside the meeting times?

### 3. Planning and assessment

- How will you work towards your thesis outline or research plan?
- What is the appropriate structure for your thesis?
- What are the overall time lines for your research?
- What format will your thesis take?
- How will your progress be monitored?
- What feedback will be provided?
- How will you set goals and deadlines for tasks?
- Are there any additional requirements e.g. presentations at seminars, publications?
- How will you be examined?

### 4. Intellectual property

- Is there a need for a formal agreement regarding intellectual property?
- Will there be any restrictions on publication or the presentation of your work for examination?

### 5. Faculty and university resources

- What facilities and resources are available through the school and the faculty?
- Is there a faculty or school research network?
- Who are the key contacts in the school or faculty?
- What Academic Skills resources are available through Student Life?
- What workshops or seminars are being offered?
- What support is available through DUSA?
- What other facilities (library, computing) are provided?

### 6. Ethical issues and safety

- What ethical issues do you need to consider?
- How do you apply for ethics approval?
- Is there a need for a project safety plan?

### 7. Financial resources

- Is there any school or faculty financial support for conference attendance or field trips?