

External international recognition of doctoral supervision



The University of Otago Graduate Research Committee now endorses doctoral supervisors becoming UK Council of Graduate Education (UKCGE) Recognised Research Supervisors. Developed by higher education academics for higher education academics, participation in the Research Supervision Recognition Programme (RSRP) promotes personal professional development of research supervisors and supports them in gaining international recognition for their supervision practices. This research-informed framework elucidates “the wide-ranging, highly complex and demanding set of roles that modern research supervisors must undertake to perform the role effectively” (UKCGE).

Benefits of gaining recognition

The RSRP will be an indicator of high-quality supervision by prospective students, institutions, and research funders. It could then potentially be helpful in recruitment, promotion, mobility between institutions, and winning research funding. Besides gaining an international recognition of supervision, it also provides membership to an international community of practice with access to resources and developmental opportunities.

Process for gaining recognition

Supervisors who have graduated at least two PhD students as primary supervisors are eligible to apply for this recognition.

Supervisors are asked to:

- Write a 5000-word (in total) reflective account of their practice, incorporating EACH of the 10 criteria of the framework.
 - Recruitment and selection.
 - Supervisory relationships with candidates.
 - Supervisory relationships with co-supervisors.
 - Supporting candidates' research projects.
 - Encouraging candidates to write and giving appropriate feedback.
 - Keeping the research on track and monitoring progress.
 - Supporting candidates' personal, professional and career development.
 - Supporting candidates through completion and final examination.
 - Supporting candidates to disseminate their research.
 - Reflection upon and enhancing practice.
- Provide references from a student and a fellow supervisor.
- Pay an application fee of approximately NZ\$150.

Applications will be assessed against each of the framework criteria by independent international reviewers. Applicants will receive comprehensive constructive feedback with recommendations on development opportunities where appropriate.

Successful applicants will become UKCGE Recognised Research Supervisors.

Closing date for the next 2021 applications: 22 October.

HEDC will be offering workshops to provide guidance on writing these applications.

6 July, 10–11am. HEDC Seminar Room | 8 July, 12–1pm. Via Zoom

Registration:

corpapp.otago.ac.nz/training/hedc/course/subject/postgraduate-supervision

More information on the RSRP is available at supervision.ukcge.ac.uk/about-rsrp

If you would like to apply, Associate Professor Vijay Mallan is available for a one-on-one consultation.

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