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## Educator Development Support

# Doctoral Supervision training and support

The Educator Development team have developed a range of resources to support academics who are currently supervising postgraduate researchers, or will be soon.

The Educator Development team have already developed workshops and resources on the following topics. We are always developing new workshops and resources, and can also develop bespoke training and support with you.



### Initial training sessions

The initial training sessions run once a term across the university for all new PGR supervisors and existing PGR supervisors who haven't attended any training in the last two years. Prior to attending the three initial training sessions, PGR supervisors need to go through the PGR supervisor training courses on the Education Toolkit on Introduction to Doctoral Supervision and Supervisory Styles and Setting Expectations.

- **Supporting Development and Monitoring Progress** - in this session, attendees will have the opportunity to discuss challenges in monitoring PGR progress, strategies for supporting and motivating PGRs, the use of supervision agreements, and share and reflect on their own practice with their colleagues.
- **Responding to student needs and having challenging conversations** - this session covers PGR needs, common issues PGRs might have, and an introduction to all available help/support for PGRs.
- **Giving feedback** - this session includes methods and models of providing feedback in different disciplines, effective feedback from supervisors' and PGRs' points of view, and maintaining a balance between appreciation and constructive feedback.

### Continuing Professional Development Sessions

- **Working with diversity and differences in doctoral supervision** - In this session, the attendees will have opportunities to discuss and reflect on various aspects of diversity and differences in doctoral supervision, including differences in culture, educational background, and learning needs.
- **An introduction to Education Welfare in doctoral supervision** - This session discusses the definition of PGR education welfare and explores effective ways supervisors can support their PGRs in addressing education welfare issues.

We also have resources on [Doctoral Supervision on the Education Toolkit](#), including online training for PGR pastoral tutors and examiners.