



Trinity Postgraduate Research Supervision Nomenclature

Type of Research Project Supervision	Title	Role	Eligibility Criteria	Responsibilities
All types of PGR supervision including 1:1, Joint and Panel.	Principal Supervisor or Supervisor	The Principal Supervisor/Supervisor serves as the main point of contact and mentor for the PGR student throughout their study. All students must be allocated a Principal Supervisor.	The Principal Supervisor should be based in the School in which the student is registered. The Principal Supervisor must be a Professor, Associate Professor, Lecturer (or associated titles) or Senior Research Fellow, including those with Research and Clinical titles. It is normally inappropriate for someone to be appointed as a Principal Supervisor of any research student unless they themselves are research active as defined by School norms.	The Principal Supervisor/Supervisor shall be accessible to the student for a personal consultation session at least once a month, unless a prior arrangement has been agreed between the two parties. <u>The Principal Supervisor takes administrative responsibility for the doctoral candidate on SITS and in supervisory interactions with administrative processes and functions of the university.</u> In addition to this administrative role, supervision responsibilities

				include those listed on p.9 of the Supervision of Research Students - Best Practice Guide.
All types of PGR supervision including 1:1, Joint and Panel.	Acting Principal Supervisor	An Acting Principal Supervisor assumes the role and fulfils the responsibilities of a Principal Supervisor if the Principal Supervisor will be absent from the university or unable to engage in supervision for a period of three months or longer.	An Acting Principal Supervisor must be a Professor, Associate Professor, Senior Lecturer, Lecturer (with associated title of Prof. Of, Prof. In, Assoc. Prof. and Assistant Prof.) or Senior Research Fellow, including those with Research and Clinical titles.	The Acting Principal Supervisor shall be accessible to the student for a personal consultation session at least once a month, unless a prior arrangement has been agreed between the two parties. <u>The Acting Principal Supervisor takes administrative responsibility for the doctoral candidate on SITS and in supervisory interactions with administrative processes and functions of the university.</u> In addition to this administrative role, supervision responsibilities include those listed on p.9 of the Supervision of Research Students - Best Practice Guide.
Joint Supervision by Trinity	Co-supervisor	A Co-supervisor contributes area specific expertise and	A Co-supervisor must be a Professor, Associate	In a joint supervisory model, the Co-supervisor is

academic staff where one acts as the Principal Supervisor.		academic mentorship over the course of the research project.	Professor, Senior Lecturer, Lecturer (with associated title of Prof. Of, Prof. In, Assoc. Prof. and Assistant Prof) or Senior Research Fellow, including those with Research and Clinical titles.	expected to contribute equally to fulfilling the responsibilities of a supervisor, even when one signs off and fulfils administrative functions as the Principal Supervisor. Review drafts, provide feedback, and suggest improvements in their area of expertise. Mentor students on academic and professional development opportunities within their field of study.
Panel supervision led by a Principal Supervisor who is a Trinity Academic fulfilling the correct eligibility requirements.	External Co-Supervisor.	An External Co-Supervisor contributes academic or specific non-academic expertise to the supervision process as part of a supervision panel led by the Principal Supervisor.	An External Co-Supervisor is an external specialist that can contribute specific expertise to the supervision process as part of a panel led by the Principal Supervisor. An External Co-Supervisor cannot be appointed as a Principal or Acting Principal Supervisor. An external Co-Supervisor should be nominated by the relevant	Collaborates with the student and Principal Supervisor to offer subject-specific guidance and insights. Offers mentorship and support based on their practical experience and insights.

			Head of School for adjunct status (for administrative purposes) in Trinity for the duration of the student's registration as per academic titles approved by Council	
All types of PGR supervision including 1:1, Joint, and Panel under the direction of a Principal Supervisor.	Assistant Supervisor	An Assistant Supervisor contributes additional advice and guidance of a purely academic nature.	An Assistant Supervisor is a Postdoctoral Researcher who is at least one year post PhD award and research active under the direction of a Principal Investigator under whose authorisation their salary is paid.	Assistant Supervisors may be appointed to contribute intellectual insight and guidance, the extent and parameters of which may vary and should be negotiated with the student, the principal supervisor and the Thesis Committee. The Assistant Supervisor role is in addition to, never a substitute for, supervision by a Principal or Co-supervisor.