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Graduate students' experiences of graduate supervision at Makerere University/other Universities

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# Graduate supervision



➤ Pedagogical relationship with marked power differences, **students play an active part** to gain autonomy & expertise.

➤ Graduate supervision facilitates: **critical, creative thinking**, research skills, contribution to an existing body of knowledge, **student learning**, conduct quality research & innovation (Muthanna & Alduais, 2020: DRGT Strategic Research...plan, 2021-2030).

**Good communication**  
is as stimulating  
as black coffee,  
and just as hard  
to sleep after.

~ Anne Lindberg





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# Positive Graduate student experience



Universities offer:

- Institutional support policies & research management tools for supervisors & supervisees
- **Rewards & incentives to motivate supervisors**
- Access to ICT infrastructure & Library services
- Mentorship, Guidance & Counselling
- Platforms for students to disseminate knowledge, research seminars



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# Graduate student Experience



## My Lived Experience as Graduate Student

Conflicting roles as a student, researcher, lecturer, mother, wife

Critical knowledge gap in problem Identification, research methods, referencing,

Failure to work independently/ dependence

Conflicting comments from my two supervisors





# Participants share their own experiences graduate students



What promotes good graduate students' experiences during graduate supervision?



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# Participants share their own experiences as graduate students



- What promotes bad students' experiences during graduate supervision?



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# Key lessons learnt in our current Practices as Supervisors



- Timely constructive feedback
- **Critical friends**
- Collaborative supervision
- Supervisory meetings
- Dynamic supervision-communication
- **Refresher courses for Graduate Supervisors/ workshops & Seminars**
- Writing Funding Proposals/Grants



Thank you very much!!!

