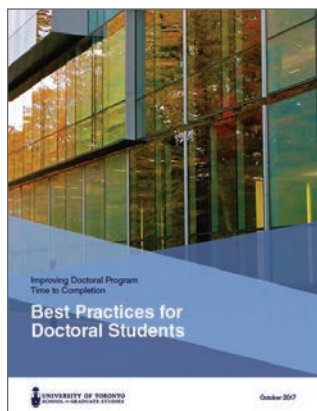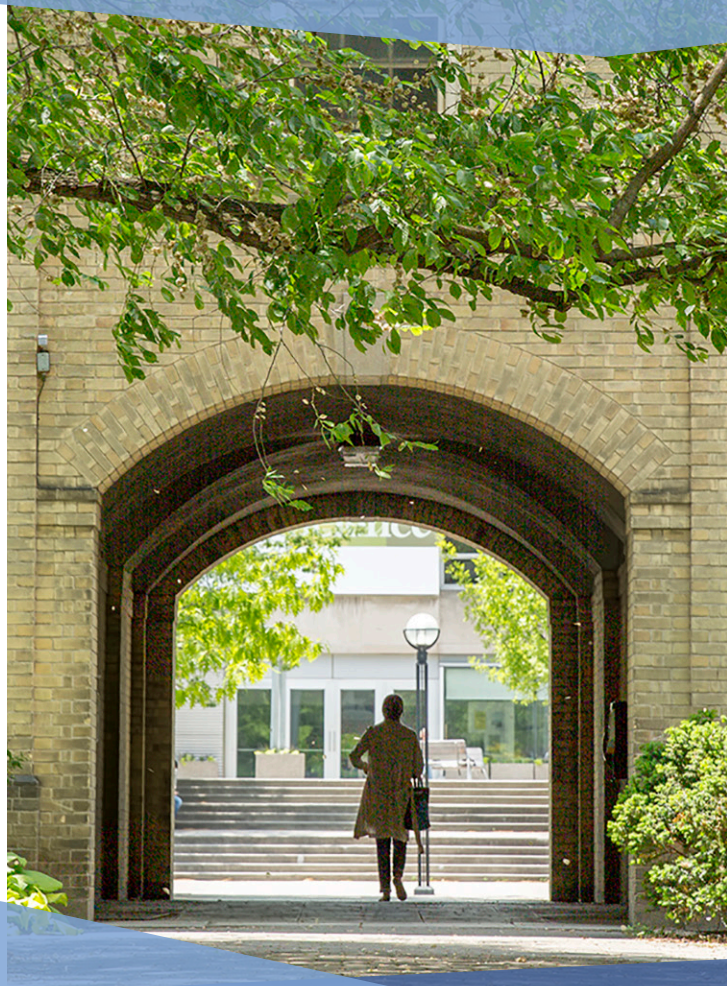# Best Practices in Graduate Supervision
STUDENT EDITION

Looking for tips to improve your program completion time?

Consult this SGS resource, available online at **uoft.me/bestpractices**

Read the complete *Graduate Supervision Guidelines — Students* (2016) at **uoft.me/bestpractices**

Supervision Guidelines: A Quick Reference

1. Find out as much as possible about your potential supervisor's work and supervision style.

2. Participate cooperatively and responsibly in the supervisory relationship. Understand that graduate supervision is a shared responsibility.

3. Develop a realistic timeline for your program with your supervisor, and review it often.

4. Have regular meetings with your supervisor, and at least one meeting annually with your supervisory committee.

5. Keep your supervisor informed of emerging issues that may affect your academic progress.

6. Be proactive by contacting Accessibility Services for disability and related barriers.

7. If needed, seek counselling to maintain your mental health and well-being.

8. Seek conflict resolution as early as possible. Consider contacting the [Centre for Graduate Mentorship and Supervision](#) for advice.

9. Inform yourself about the spectrum of resources available on campus that can support you in completing your program.

10. Become familiar with program-specific and University-wide policies and regulations that may affect your program completion.

Are you a supervisor?

Find guidelines and resources at

uoft.me/supervisors