

# Queen's University Belfast

## Further Guidance on Supervisory Teams

This table should be read in conjunction with the Study Regulations for Research Degree Programmes (6.1 Supervision).

Every member of the supervisory team must meet the criteria for appointment set out in regulation 6.1.3.

Eligibility for **principal supervisor** is set out in regulation 6.1.6. All students must have a named principal supervisor, even if they have a co-supervisor.

Eligibility for **second or co-supervisors** is set out in regulation 6.1.7. The second or co-supervisor may, if appropriate, be from a different School (or Institution, for recognised supervisors) to the one in which the student is carrying out the research.

A **third, external** supervisor may be appointed where a student's research is interdisciplinary, to provide a link between the disciplines; or to facilitate international engagement. External supervisors are approved at School-level, providing they meet the criteria for appointment. They should be added to the student's record on the RSL.

In no circumstances may a student have more than three supervisors at any one time.

The Head of School (or nominee) is responsible for staff within the School and will normally appoint the supervisory team to a particular student upon their acceptance of a place on the RDP. The School will consider and appoint the most appropriate supervisory team to supervise the research project.

## Composition of Supervisory Teams

Supervisor 1	Supervisor 2	Supervisor 3
Principal Supervisor	Second Supervisor	
Principal Supervisor	Co-Supervisor	
Principal Supervisor (on probation)	Second or co-supervisor (senior academic (at senior lecturer level or above) with experience of successfully supervising at least two doctoral students through to completion as principal supervisor)	
Principal Supervisor	Honorary Title holder	
Principal Supervisor	Recognised Supervisor under an approved collaborative research degree agreement	
Principal Supervisor	Second Supervisor or Co-Supervisor	External Supervisor
Principal Supervisor (on probation)	Second or co-supervisor (senior academic (at senior lecturer level or above) with experience of successfully supervising at least two doctoral students through to completion as principal supervisor)	Recognised Supervisor under an approved collaborative research degree agreement

	Internal member of QUB staff
	Persons external to QUB