

Getting started

1. I'm new at Strathclyde and am going to be a First or Second Supervisor for a doctoral student. I've heard I need to take supervisor training, where can I find out more about this?
Please visit the Strathclyde Supervisor Development Programme [website](#) for an overview of Strathclyde's Supervisor training. More detailed information can be found on the Myplace place linked to through the Strathclyde Supervisor Development Programme [website](#).
2. I need to complete refresher training to meet my funder's requirements, how can I do this?
Refresher Training can be completed through the Strathclyde Supervisor Development Programme. Please contact us at pgrsupervisor-development@strath.ac.uk to discuss how the programme can meet your needs.
3. I've supervised undergraduate and Masters students - do I still need to do this programme?
Yes, you will need to complete this programme before you are able to formally supervise Doctoral students as a First or Second Supervisor.
4. I have completed the old Supervising Postgraduate Research SPARK/Advanced Academic Studies course. Can you advise if I need to complete the new programme to supervise students or is the old programme sufficient?
If you have previously completed the Supervising Postgraduate Research class on the old programme you do not need to complete the new Supervisor Development Programme.
5. I have taken supervisor training at my previous institution, do I still need to complete the programme?
We are able to award Recognition of Prior Learning if we are able to map supervisor or management training from another institution to Strathclyde's programme. If you have undertaken supervision training at another institution, please complete the Recognition of Prior Learning Form and send it to pgrsupervisor-development@strath.ac.uk so that we can consider awarding Recognition of Prior Learning.
6. Do I have to take the programme if I am an experienced supervisor?
All new Doctoral Supervisors at Strathclyde are required to undertake training to ensure they are familiar with Strathclyde's Policies and Processes. However, if you feel you should be exempt from this training please complete the Exemption Form and send it to pgrsupervisor-development@strath.ac.uk
7. I've completed the programme and would like to attend further workshops, is this possible?
Yes, the workshops are open to any member of staff.

Becoming a First Supervisor

1. How do I become a First Supervisor?
On completion of the Core Workshop 'Becoming a Strathclyde Supervisor', with your Head of Department's, agreement you will be added to the list of staff eligible to act as First Supervisors. Please note, this process can take a few weeks. You will then need to complete the Strathclyde Supervisor Development Programme within 18 months to remain on the list.
2. I completed supervisor training at Strathclyde a few years ago, but I wasn't eligible to be added to the list of First Supervisors at the time. Do I need to complete the programme now?
No, you do not need to complete supervisor training again, although you may wish to take some of the courses to support your supervisory practice. Please contact us at pgrsupervisor-development@strath.ac.uk and will request you are added to the list of Frist Supervisors.
3. I'm not on the list of First Supervisors but I have a student starting very soon and the next session isn't soon enough/there is no space/I can't attend the next Becoming a Strathclyde Supervisor session?
If you are going to be supervising a student as First or Second Supervisor soon and cannot attend the next core class 'Becoming a Strathclyde Supervisor', please contact pgrsupervisor-development@strath.ac.uk as soon as possible.

4. I'm not on the list of First Supervisors but I have a student who needs to register for a PhD with me and the next session isn't soon enough/there is no space/I can't attend the next Becoming a Strathclyde Supervisor session?
If you have a student waiting to register and cannot attend the next core class 'Becoming a Strathclyde Supervisor', please contact pgrsupervisor-development@strath.ac.uk as soon as possible.
5. I have a student waiting to be supervised and I have tried to book Becoming a Strathclyde Supervisor but the course is fully booked, what can I do?
Please contact pgrsupervisor-development@strath.ac.uk who will assist you to book place on the course
6. Do I need to have been a Second Supervisor before I become a First Supervisor?
No, you do not need to have been a Second Supervisor to become a First Supervisor.
7. I have taken Becoming a Strathclyde Supervisor but my student can't add me as a First Supervisor when they go to register. What should I do?
If your student is having difficulty registering you as a First Supervisor, please contact pgrsupervisor-development@strath.ac.uk to rectify the problem.

Taking part in the Strathclyde Supervisor Development Programme

1. How do I record the workshops I have completed?
You should record the workshops you have completed through the Strathclyde Supervisor Development Programme Myplace site. You can find the link to this site through the Strathclyde Supervisor Development Programme [website](#).
2. All the workshops I've looked at are full.
This is a very popular programme and the workshops can fill up fast. We find workshops towards the end of the list often have places available. If you are not able to book a place on your first-choice courses we recommend you attend an alternative course/s to complete the programme and sign up on the waiting list for your original choice. If you are nearing the end of your 18 month period and cannot book a place please contact pgrsupervisor-development@strath.ac.uk.
3. I've taken a course included in the Strathclyde Supervisor Development Programme a few years ago, can I use this as one of my five workshops.
Yes, as long as you feel you remember enough about it to reflect on it in your final presentation you can use this course.
4. I have a meeting/teaching that clashes with a workshop I'm attending is it okay if I arrive late or leave early?
No, you will need to attend all of the five workshops to complete this programme. If you arrive late or leave early your attendance will not be recorded and you will be expected to attend another session.
5. When does the 18 month period in which I need to complete the programme start from?
The 18 month period starts from when you take Becoming a Strathclyde Supervisor, however this does not need to be the first workshop you take in the programme.
6. The deadline to complete the programme is 18 months, is there any flexibility and will I be removed from the First Supervisor's list if I go over the 18 months.
If you are not on target to meet the 18 months deadline please contact pgrsupervisor-development@strath.ac.uk as soon as possible. You will not be removed from the First Supervisor's list immediately, however if you do not actively engage with the programme or respond to communications from us regarding programme completion, we will contact your Head of Department and you will be removed from the First Supervisor list.

1. I have completed the 5 workshops of this programme and would like to arrange a date for the final reflective presentation, how do I do this?
Please note that due to Covid-19 the face-to-face presentations are not currently taking place. Instead you should submit a video presentation of your reflective presentation through the Myplace site. Please contact pgsupervisor-development@strath.ac.uk to be provided with access to the submission link on Myplace.
2. I am not currently supervising a PhD student. How will I obtain a case study for my final presentation?
Please see the Strathclyde Supervisor Development Programme Myplace class for a list of case studies.
3. How is the final presentation assessed and what happens if I don't pass?
The final presentation is assessed against marking criteria defined on the Strathclyde Supervisor Development Programme Myplace site. If your presentation does not satisfactorily meet the marking criteria you will be asked to resubmit. If your presentation continues not to meet the marking criteria you will be removed from the list of First Supervisors.

SPARK

1. Can I gain SPARK credits through this programme?
Yes, you can gain SPARK credits by completing the Strathclyde Supervisor Development Programme plus two additional assignments reflecting upon the academic literature related to doctoral supervision. Further information about the SPARK assignments can be found on the Strathclyde Supervisor Development Programme Myplace page.
2. I have registered on the Strathclyde Supervisor Development Programme but I cannot see it on my student curriculum when I login to Pegasus?
The class is not recorded on your student record until you have completed all 5 workshops, the final presentation and the SPARK assignments.

My question isn't on this list

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