

modifications as appropriate) as well as to principal supervisors. It is intended to complement and be read alongside the UCL Code of Practice for Graduate Research Degrees.

Identifying the research question and designing the research project

4. Identifying the research question and designing the research project must be a joint effort and a process of negotiation between the supervisor and the student. The student can expect from their supervisor:

- advice on the focus of and on refining the research question(s)
- advice on appropriate research methods available and (where applicable) laboratory techniques
- advice on appropriate theoretical models
- advice on planning the research project, e.g. its structure, aims, methods and methodology
- advice on appropriate research timelines, including timings of assessments
- advice and signposting of

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16. The role of supervisors in developing student confidence and excellence as researchers is