

An RSI faculty with a Full or Associate Graduate Faculty Membership (GFM) with the School of Graduate Studies (SGS) is eligible to supervise students at RSI.

### **MSc**

An RSI faculty member without previous supervisory experience can be the sole supervisor of an RSI MSc student, provided at least one PAC member has previous supervisory experience in RSI and a Full GFM.

### **PhD**

Only an RSI faculty member with previous supervisory experience and a Full GFM can be the sole supervisor of an RSI PhD student.

RSI encourages graduate research co-supervision under two circumstances:

- 1. Mandatory Co-supervision:** Co-supervision is mandatory when a faculty member without previous supervisory experience agrees to supervise a PhD student. Within the RSI, previous supervisory experience includes:
  - A) Supervision or co-supervision of an RSI student through the successful defense of the thesis;
  - B) Supervision of research students at the MSc or PhD level in another graduate department at the University of Toronto, or an equivalent program in another recognized university through the successful defense of the thesis.

A faculty member with previous supervisory experience will mentor a faculty member without supervisory experience in PhD supervision. For the purposes of communications with SGS, the mentoring supervisor will be recognized as the student's PhD supervisor.

- 2. Voluntary Co-Supervision:** Two faculty members and a student may negotiate the roles of co-supervisors to accommodate the interests of the student in having:
  - A) A balance of two thematic or methodological orientations represented in the student's supervision;
  - B) Continuous supervision in the likelihood of prolonged absences of one supervisor; and/or,
  - C) Other reasons mutually agreed upon by the student and the co-supervisors.

The primary supervisor should be identified no later than the first PAC meeting. The supervisor and the supervisory committee must be approved by the RSI Director.

All supervisors must be available for in-person supervision of their students. If the primary supervisor is on a leave of absence or sabbatical (i.e., impacting availability for regular supervision), they must notify a graduate coordinator of their status by email. A designate must be in place to oversee progress of the graduate student(s) for the duration of the

leave/sabbatical. This planning and action will ensure the continuity in supervision and support for student progress. Changes in location/affiliation that impact one's availability must also be reported to the graduate coordinator and appropriate arrangements should be made to ensure that students have the necessary support and supervision.

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