



University of Calgary
Graduate Science Education, Cumming School of Medicine
Supervisory Privileges Policy

University of Calgary Graduate Student Supervision Policy:

Eligibility for supervisory privileges in Graduate Science Education at the Cumming School of Medicine is governed by the [University of Calgary Graduate Student Supervision Policy](#).

Eligibility to Supervise:

Master's Students: Any faculty member eligible under the Graduate Student Supervision Policy will be granted unrestricted supervisory privileges for Master's students. Normally, Emeritus/Adjunct/Clinical faculty will be granted co-supervisory privileges but will not be eligible to act as a primary or sole supervisor. Under exceptional circumstances, primary supervisory privileges may be considered for Emeritus/Adjunct/Clinical faculty on a case-by-case basis. However, in keeping with the University of Calgary Graduate Student Supervision Policy, an academic staff member with unlimited supervisory privileges must be appointed as a co-supervisor under these circumstances.

Doctoral Students: Any faculty member eligible under the policy who has supervised a Master's student to successful program completion or co-supervised a Doctoral student to successful Field of Study examination completion is eligible for unrestricted supervisory privileges of Doctoral students upon recommendation by the Graduate Program Director (GPD) and approval from the Associate Dean – Graduate Science Education. For Faculty members who do not meet these criteria, supervisory privileges for Doctoral students will be granted at the discretion of the GPD. This includes the case in which a Master's student applies for transfer to a PhD program, where under normal circumstances a co-supervisor with unlimited supervisory privileges will be appointed should the MSc-PhD transfer be successful.

Maximum supervisory load:

A faculty member will normally be the primary supervisor of a maximum of five graduate students at any given time, regardless of student program affiliation. The GPD may permit more than five graduate students per primary supervisor, contingent on their students' satisfactory progress as outlined in Annual Progress Reports, and with the approval of the Associate Dean – Graduate Science Education. Normally, visiting student researchers (VSR) are not included in the maximum quota. However, concerns regarding graduate student progress may lead to restrictions on VSR numbers at the discretion of the GPD.