



University of Calgary
Graduate Program Supervisory Policy
Cumming School of Medicine Graduate Programs:
MDBC, MDCV, MDIM, MDMI, MDGI, MDNS, MDCH, MDSC

University of Calgary Graduate Student Supervision Policy:

Eligibility for supervisory privileges is governed by the [University of Calgary Graduate Student Supervision Policy](#).

Eligibility to Supervise:

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 FGS supervision policy, an academic staff member with unlimited supervisory privileges must be appointed as a co-supervisor under these circumstances. If there is co-supervision arranged for a Doctoral student, then at least one of the supervisors should hold a PhD. For Faculty members who have not yet supervised a Master's student to completion, supervisory privileges for Doctoral students will be at the discretion of the Graduate Program Director (GPD). Any faculty member eligible under the policy who has supervised a Master's student or co-supervised a Doctoral student to completion is eligible for unrestricted supervisory privileges of Doctoral students upon recommendation by the GPD and approval from the Associate Dean – Graduate Science Education.

Supervisory Committees

Supervisory Committees for Doctoral students must have at least one academic staff member who holds a PhD if the supervisor or co-supervisor does not.

Maximum supervisory load:

Normally, a faculty member would supervise no more than a total of 5 graduate students, regardless of program at any given time. However, the GPD may permit larger supervisory groups, with an annual review of students' progress and with approval from the Associate Dean – Graduate Science Education.