

Managing Your Supervisor - IHPCSS Resource Fair - Mentoring Session June 21,2022

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Why should you be concerned about managing your supervisor:

- There is no/little training program for supervisors – they are all trying to do their best
- They are only human
- Get a head start on being a supervisor yourself
- Your degree / your career is your responsibility

Things to Consider:

1. Know what you want and communicate it effectively / efficiently
2. Plan your time and update as needed periodically and communicate it
3. Engage your supervisor – request regular meetings
4. Know your supervisor's experience level – have they managed many students
5. Know what motivates them
6. Be a net asset to the supervisor, be easy to supervisor, gain their respect:
 - a. Show up to lab meetings
 - b. Be prepare
 - c. Take on reasonable extra tasks / put up your hand
 - d. Set goals / meet deadlines
 - e. Help with workshops, conferences
 - f. Help with publications
7. Get additional advice on as needed – additional mentor, perhaps a former student of your supervisor
8. Know your rights as a student, know what your university expects from your supervisor
9. Know your departments admin staff as well as graduate studies admin staff (and get to know the janitor {:})

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