

# SUPRA

## Supervisor of the Year 2018

Nominated supervisors and a tiny bit of  
what their students said about them.

Neal Arthur

- Maiying Su and Meishan Mai

Once we had some disagreement in the model, he discussed with me patiently and developed several possibilities until we found the best one.

Parisa Aslani

- Mohamed Shukry Zawahir and Gam Scrimongkon

My supervisor is always accessible, respectful, shows interest in my personal well-being and provides clear and timely constructive feedback.

Michael Beggs

- Julian Joseph and Llewellyn Williams-Brooks

Mike has applied for special consideration on my behalf when I was too unwell to complete the paperwork.

Jacqueline Bloomfield

- Jingjing He and Bridget O'Sullivan

Jacqueline always asks whether we are okay. When we send our draft manuscript or writing to Jacqueline she always provides us with an estimated timeframe of review.

Janette Bobis

- Katherin Cartwright and Kristen Tripet

Janette is extremely respectful and any critiquing made of my work is always accompanied by solid reasoning and a way forward.

Yuan Chen

- Xiao Sui and Ziwen Yuan

My supervisor is very accessible and gives us more than 4 hours a week for discussion. We also have a separate meeting weekly for literature.

Wojciech Chrzanowski

- Kamini Divakarla and Christina Limantoro  
He often comes down to our office to have an informal chat and see how we are going with work and has a look at our results and fix any issues as they come up.

Kenneth Chung

- Khine Soe Lin and Faeza Netfa  
The theories and ideas are novel and he is very curious and supports new insight for the project.

Ben Colagiuri

- Christoph Werner and Jonathan Davies  
He is very supportive and understands that I have a family on the other side of the world and gives me the opportunity to go back home as many times as I wish to.

John Connell

- Annie Yuan Cih Wu and Nur Adilah Md Zain  
John is not only my supervisor but a very great mentor for my career and personal well-being.

Simon de Graaf

- Kelsey Pool, Taylor Pini, and Naomi Bernecic  
Simon has quite a way with words, and apart from communicating clearly, he also manages to communicate hilariously, passionately and encouragingly.

Feike Dijkstra

- Kazi Mehnaz and Shiva Bakhshandeh

He never took more than 2 days to check my manuscripts.

Feike prepares his students for their future career in research and also to get a job after finishing PhD.

Kim Donaghue

- Vallimayil Velayutham and Anna Pham-Short

Before the scheduled date I noticed that I need to attend my daughter's school for an award ceremony. I was going to miss it but my supervisor was kind enough to reschedule the appointment amidst her busy work schedule.

Timothy Dwyer

- Weiwei Xu and Wayne Hawkins

Dr Dwyer is an exemplary person and a diligent, prolific scholar. I also admire his attitude toward research and his knowledge of the field.

Amanda Elliot

- Leanne Stevenson and Rhys Herden

Her written feedback on chapter drafts is both editorial and scholarly providing clear directives to proceed forward

Mohammed Eslam

- Ali Bayoumi and Rasha El Sharkawy

He is following my experiment step by step and helped me so much when I was investigating the wrong pathway and gave me a very good advice to investigate another pathway and my results show a very good improvement.

Robyn Ewing

- Jonathan Saunders and Olivia Karaolis

I have a young family. Robyn never requests to meet during school holidays and always asks me to suggest times though she is so busy!

Carl Feng

-Nyan Bhattacharyya and Mikaela Coleman

Whilst not encouraged, if experiments run late into the night he will stay or call us to make sure we are okay, and will send us take out if he knows we are conducting a big experiment.

Quan Gan

- Zhou Zhou and Bei Chen

My supervisor makes time for me twice a week and his communication is always patient and he shows me examples. He introduces me to visiting professors from other universities for a discussion.

Nick Glozier

- Jennifer Taylor and Elizabeth Stratton

He honours individual fortnightly meetings without fail and these meetings are fantastically outcome driven.

Gerard Goggin

- Robert Hawkins and Weiwei Xu

Professor Goggin has invited me on two occasions to co-convene high level forums at the IAMCR conferences in Montreal 2015 and Eugene 2018.

Merran Govendir

- Aaron Izes and Soraya Gharibi

Merran's flexibility and understanding with respect to promoting a healthy work/study/life balance should qualify

her for a starring role in Cirque due Soleil. She would bend over backwards.

Ali Hadigeh

- Munawar Sarker and Kamal Neupane

He employs cross-disciplinary themes in his research and have influenced me to seek alternative, often better solutions to a problem – not just the expected norm.

Sarah Hilmer

- Trang Tran and Brendan Thompson Ng

She models a respectful way of engaging with other people and organisations. She is able to see the good even if we say something stupid.

Carolyn Hogg

- Elspeth McLennan and Catherine Farquharson

She regularly encourages us to contact people she knows who may be able to provide help for us, not only for the assistance but so that we can build our own networks within the field.

Lisa Horvath

- Alison Zhang and Blossom Mak

Lisa can communicate using text, pictures and verbal communication. She can sell ice to eskimos and sawdust to lumber mills.

James Humberstone

- Jim Coyle and Brad Fuller

When I submitted the first draft of my opening chapter, his commentary has a word count nearly as high as the original text and all of it was apposite and constructive.

Michael Humphrey

- Natalie Maystorovich and Fadi Baghdadi  
When recent test results were alarming and were included in a request to extend my candidature, Michael contacted me straight away to check if I was alright.

Chris Jackson

- Ruilong Zhao and Victor Anyanji  
Chris understands very well how to perfect an oral presentation and teaches me well – I noticeably felt more confident and gave a clearer talk at my recent conference compared to the other PhD and even ECR presenters.

Ollie Jay

- Timothy English and Georgia Chaseling  
My paper was rejected after review and it caused me a lot of emotional distress. It was early in the morning and Ollie had an important meeting with someone else when I called but he apologised to the person and rescheduled with them to make the time to not only answer my answers but also to console me.

Yun-Hee Jeon

- Michelle Lai and Luisa Krein  
In April one of us experienced the sudden and unexpected death of their father resulting in an interruption to the PhD. Yun-Hee offered to provide personal transport to the airport and made sure that everything related to the PhD was taken care of during the absence.

Rebecca Johnke

- Blythe Worthy and Claudia Brennan

She celebrates my academic (and life) achievements and if we do ever disagree on the direction of my work, she is incredibly patient when discussing it.

Daniel Johnstone

- Luke Gordon and Claudia Petrucco

Dan has shown unwavering support in my personal development and encouraged me to undertake tutoring roles in multiple faculties that have taken me overseas to Samoa and India on engineering projects.

Stewart Jones

- Nurul Alam and Iris Jiang

If we send an email even late at night, by the time we get up in the morning we get extensive feedback on our work. This is the most motivating factor as a supervisor how he maintains the commitments and devotedness for us.

Brent Kaiser

- Irene Adu Aberko, Muhammad Uddin, Die Hu, Zhengyu Wen, Di Wang, and Zainab Rahmat

I have a family and Brent understands the pressures on me from such angles and encourages me. He gives me further direction about the experiment and even some details I have not pay attention to could be caught by him and help me modify them.

Judy Kay

- Soojeong Yoo and Callum Parker

I don't have a scholarship and Judy knows that. Therefore she has always cared about how I will survive in Sydney (as it is



an expensive city to live in). Judy always asks me how I am going and whether I need any work.

John Keane

- Stuart Rollo and Adele Webb

Questions that I pose to him are met with well thought out, extensive responses. I am made to feel that a text, email, or a drop in at his office are not only tolerated, but a real pleasure for him.

Rodger Laurent

- Anthony Sammel and Sally Preston

Despite his busy hospital patient load Dr Laurent unfailingly will make time any day or time to answer my questions or provide guidance by phone or face-to-face.

Jane Le

- Fannie Couture and Corinna Galliano

She will raise the bar if she feels like I can handle it, but will always do this in a way that shows how mindful she is of my current workload and ability to rise up to the challenge.

Tamara Leahy

- Naomi Bernecic and Kelsey Pool

She will take the time after submitting feedback for me to follow up with questions or clarification, which is extremely important when revising and editing my work.

Henry Leung

- Jian Zhai, Mingze Gao, Yang Gao, and Robert James

Apart from the weekly meeting, I email him whenever I've encountered difficulties and he always replies with timely valuable insights.

Cathy Little

- Olivia Karaolis and Samantha Bernardo

When I was struggling to articulate certain aspects of my research, Cathy was able to engage me in a discussion that supported my understanding without diminishing my enthusiasm.

Brent Kaiser

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Joseph Lizier

- Conor Finn and Leonardo Novelli

We had a meeting two months ago where he told me to think about what I wanted to do after my PhD, to consider both academic and non-academic options. He told me to keep him in the loop regarding my think and that he would try to help me make the next move, whatever that might be.

Lian Loke

- Karen Cochrane and Louis Chew

She has given me mentorship and suggestions on how to improve my teaching. She has watched us as tutors and finally given us opportunities to be lecturers.

Frank Lovicu

- Daisy Shu and Shannon Das

He also reminds me that although it's important to get data and writing done, to also take some time out to have fun and socialise.

Joel Mackay

- Mehdi Sharifi and Jason Low

Joel always has new ideas for us because he reads and meets collaborators from different institutes and countries. He is also a very kind and understanding person.

Lina Makaускаite

-Natasha Arthars and Chun Chuen Chan

She has never pushed me to research what is easy for her supervise, or to research areas that forward her own research. She supports the interests of her students and supports them to explore what is suitable for them.

Ben Marais

- Phuong Nguyen and Mai Trinh

Ben helped me to travel around the world to present my work. The latest conference I attended was the American Thoracic Society 2018. Ben encouraged me to apply for the PRSS and I got 1500 AUD.

James Martin

- Dongbing Zhang and Yufei He

I was having a really hard time with my research before a major presentation last semester. Having seen my struggle Jim offered an extra hour of discussion time with him each week. These discussions really helped me with my anxiety and research problems.

Lynda Matthews

- Margaret Black and Mark Ngo

From not wanting to publish at all I now have five submitted/accepted manuscripts with quality journals at completion of my thesis.

Andrew McLachlan

- Jeffry Adiwidjaja and Fatima Hameem

I literally never feel like a student who is told what to do, but he makes me feel like a 'junior researcher' instead.

Seema Mihrshahi

- Bindi Borg and Mahalakshmi Ekambareshwar

Seema has coached me on how to approach searching the literature, particularly limiting my searches and keeping them focussed.

Barbara Mintzes

- Alice Bhasale and Lucy Perry

Barbara is a great communicator in writing, and we have learnt a lot from the way she writes both formally and informally in terms of managing relationships and tasks.

Lenka Munoz

- Ramzi Abbassi and Athena Phoa

Lenka always makes time to meet with each of her students on a weekly basis, where she offers guidance and support with our research projects. Her door is always open for us.

Thomas Newsome

- Lily van Eeden and Emma Spencer

I was invited to an interview for a Fulbright scholarship and Tom conducted mock interviews to help me prepare. Tom's help was critical in helping me obtain a Fulbright scholarship.

Iona Novak

- Michelle Jackman and Bithi Roy

Being an off campus student that is not located in Sydney, Iona has been flexible enough to offer teleconference meetings, and even drive to meet halfway when I have felt a face to face meeting is needed.

Susanna Park

- Hannah Timmins and Nidhi Garg

Susanna will happily provide written corrections, normally within 24 hours. She has used her contacts to arrange a private training session for our more complex programmes and equipment.

Olivier Piguet

- Sherry Chen and Andi Musrah

He not only sends us back the feedback, he will also organise short meetings to explain his comments in person.

Paul Pilowsky

- Seung Jae Kim, Elizabeth Cohen, and Zohra Kakall

Paul quotes author, affiliations and abstract key points from papers dated over 20 years ago. He is literally a walking-talking human endnote library.

Buhui Qiu

- Shuang Liu and Mingze Gao

He will also promote me to his friends in other universities for potential academic job opportunities. He is able to

identify relevant ideas and literature and recommend them to me. This increases my knowledge and saves my time.

Justin Richards

- Lewis Keane and Rona Macniven

Justin also regularly calls unannounced, not to chat about my PhD or papers under review, but just to ask – “You can be honest mate, how are you feeling about everything?”

Peter Robinson

- Mariya Ferdousi and Farah Deeba

I have acquired three travel grants from various organisations to support my attendance to conferences during the candidature. This would not have been possible without Peter’s awareness of the availability of the grants.

Pauline Ross

- Roberta Pereira, Mitchell Gibbs, Elliot Scanes, and John Wright

I was able to publish my honours thesis solely because of the feedback Pauline provided me.

Bandana Saini

- Hadi Almansour and Ibrahim Jomaa

Bandana is accessible, helpful and makes time for discussion. She asks about my family and wellbeing and communicates clearly what we need to achieve and work together on my milestones.

Derek Sankey

- Wendy Lee and Soohyun Baek

Every time I read the feedback Derek sends back I am in awe as my perspectives have widened and flourished.

Carl Schneider

- Ardalan Mirzaei and Jack Collins

Carl noticed my stressed demeanour, took me out for a walk, sat me down for a coffee, and allowed me to relax and express myself.

Rebecca Scott Bray

- Laura McDonald and Natalie Maystorovich

If we're exchanging multiple drafts before an external deadline, she'll let me know her schedule so I can work on the next version up until she's free for me to send it to her for review.

Judy Simpson

- Alison Gibberd and Swee-Ling Toh

She is always very tactful and polite in responses and is never harsh or judgemental. She recommended and supported me in my application for postgraduate courses to improve my knowledge and are vital to my research.

Rachel Skinner

- Faeza Netfa and Khine Soe Lin

She encouraged me to practice in HDR conference presentation and gave her feedback and it was positive. She helps me to understand all questions that the audience may ask.

Lorraine Smith

- Melissa Cheung and Daniela Eassey

Lorraine introduced my study to a pharmaceutical company representative which ended up getting us a talk at their stand at a national conference.

Roger Stancliffe

- Bernadette Curryer and Hasrul Bin Hosshan  
He works well with my auxiliary supervisors, resulting in support and feedback that is co-ordinated.

Jiri Svec

- He Huang and Anne Dyhrberg  
After each meeting my supervisor assigns reasonable works for the next meeting which makes meetings more effective. He introduces me to his co-authors and we stay in touch to discuss potential research cooperation.

Betina Szkudlarek

- Priya Roy and Eun Lee  
Her sharp mind and feedback has allowed me to look for sources of information where I would probably not look otherwise.

Barney Tan

- Cheuk Hang Au and Anna Zaitsev  
As a work-life balance measure I sometimes prepare some desserts. I feel grateful that Barney is always open-minded to try these desserts.

Peter Thomson

- Evelyn Todd and Leticia Sng  
Peter keeps a close eye on his students' progress to help them finish before their stipend runs out. He likes his students to take the two week break over Christmas off from work and spend time with family and friends.



Martin Tomitsch

- Callum Parker and Hamish Henderson

Many times while working on a paper together he stays up until the deadline with me to get it done together.

Daniela Traini

- Zara Sheikh and Jesse Xu

She always asks me about my health and my family which makes me feel very close to her. She has highly motivated me and was the sole driving reason for me to submit a 4 page abstract for the DDL conference in Edinburgh this year.

Pegah Varamini

- Sepideh Khazeni and Iram Irshad

Pegah set our goals for not only research publication and thesis, but also impacting health care system with our drug and being in touch with consumers and industry.

Anik Waldow

- Elena Gordon and Domini Dimech

Much of the fact that I am able to carry out this vital research at NYU is owed to Anik's support in getting the application together, and her help with the necessary grants.

Yiwei Wang

- Jonathan Hew and Peter Shi

Yiwei has always been flexible, encouraging me to teach anatomy one day a week at the University and to work from home when possible and go surfing!

Stephanie Watson

- Alex Ferdi and Maria Cabrera Aguas

One of Stephanie's strong points is she is a great collaborator so she frequently connects me with others such as London academics for my systemic review or Adelaide professors for my quality of life work.

Bianca Waud

- Georgina Samaha and Tracey Chew

She has nominated us for a number of different grants and scholarships and introduced us to a variety of people who have become collaborators and assisted us with many aspects of our work.

Michael Webb

- Qiongzi (Vicki) Zheng and Lu Liu

He gave me enormous help with contents, structure (in particular) and overall linguistic expression.

Angela Webster

- Imogen Thomson and Karen Waller

She provides additional opportunities for her students to contribute to medical guidelines, as well as publishing their own research, and is continually abreast of these opportunities and frequently passes them on to us so that we may benefit too.

Catherine Welch

- Duc Nguyen and John Tull

Catherine's method is to allow the student to explore 'the field' and to guide them appropriately when they are 'off track'. This fosters critical thinking but drives self-learning which is essential to the PhD journey.

Kate White

- Dan Luo and Ahmed Almansour  
English is my second language and this is my first year studying abroad. Kate tries to express her thoughts in many ways until I get her correctly. I was very touched by her patience and really appreciate all efforts she made for me.

Shelley Wickham

- Minh Tri Luu and Jasleen Kaur Daljit Singh  
Shelley recently got invited to write a review paper in Biophysical Reviews. She provided me with an opportunity to work on the paper, with me being the first author.

Cara Wrigley

- Jessica Lea Dunn, Keun Hee Kimmi Ko, Scott Bryant and George Peppou.  
She understands that I have to do school drop off in the morning so schedules our meetings and team activities according to my ability to attend.

Gracy (Jing Yu) Yang

- Liang Wen and Wei Liu  
Before our meeting she clearly gives us a schedule to think about what will be discussed in the next meeting. Gracy doesn't preach. She questions and let's us speak.

Paul Young

- Jesse Xu and Zara Sheikh  
As in assisting me with securing my scholarship Prof. Paul Young is very knowledgeable and also successful in ensuring that I am well supported during my studies.

Albert Zomaya

- Zhongli Dong and Yucen Nan

Professor Zomaya gave us lots of suggestions how to improve productivity. He raised the bar using a smart way so we can meet the target with great effort.

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SUPRA Supervisor of the Year 2018 Judges:

Ella Collins-White

Jennifer Nicholson

Samantha Poulos

Taylor Syme

Rachel Woodhouse

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