

Information to Research Participants

We have invited you to participate in a research project. In this document you will find information about the project and what it means to participate.

What is the project about and why do you want me to participate?

The purpose of the project is to study what kind of thesis supervision leads to the best results for the students. Given the limited time and resources supervisors have, we want to know what aspects of supervision that matter the most for students to 1) finish on time, 2) receive a higher grade, 3) experience deep learning, and 4) develop scientific curiosity? Through a quantitative study of thesis supervision at the Department of Government at Uppsala University we will study to what degree different types of supervision styles lead to desirable outcomes for the students. This is a pedagogical project at the Department of Government, but the results will also be disseminated through scientific publications and contribute to pedagogical development more generally.

We are contacting you because during the period January 16 2017 to January 16 2022 you were registered on a thesis course at the department, and we got your email address from the course administration at the department.

The study is conducted at Uppsala University and the university is responsible for the study. The study has been reviewed by the Swedish Ethical Review Authority, with the registration number 2021-06534-01.

How does the study work?

The survey contains multiple questions and takes about 10-15 minutes to answer.

Possible risks and benefits of participating in the study

Participating in the study does not entail any risks. Your responses will be separated from your email address, and stored separately. The results of the analysis will be presented at the group level and using statistical measures (for example averages and percentages) in such a way that no individual participant can be identified.

The benefits of participating in the study are that it can be interesting to reflect on the supervision you received, but also to contribute to improvements for future students. The results of the study will be published in scientific publications, and your participation contributes to research in the field and thereby to improved supervision of theses at our and other universities.

What happens to the data I provide?

The project will collect and store information about you. Your responses will not be connected to you as an individual. The information collected will be stored and analysed at Uppsala University in Sweden. Your responses will be handled in such a way that they will not be accessible to any unauthorized persons.

The results of the study will be based on the data as a whole, and will be published in scientific books and journals. In any published material individual participants cannot be identified. When the study is completed after one year your personal data will be erased. Collected data (without personal data) will then be archived and become accessible to other researchers, to enable evaluations of reforms over time.

Uppsala University is responsible for your personal data. The EU Data Protection Directive gives you the right to access the information about you that is included in the study, and have any errors corrected if needed, without any charge to you. You can also ask for all the information about you to be deleted, and the usage of your personal data to be limited. The right to have data erased or to limit the usage of personal data does not apply when the information is necessary to carry out the research project. If you want to be informed about the data stored, please contact the project leader Johanna Söderström, Johanna.soderstrom@statsvet.uu.se +46-18-471 27 93. The data protection ombudsman can be reached via dataskyddsbud@uu.se (for more information, see <https://www.uu.se/om-uu/dataskyddspolicy/>). If you are unhappy with the way that your personal information has been treated, you can also raise a complaint with the Swedish Authority for Privacy Protection (Integritetsskyddsmyndigheten, IMY), the government agency charged with this responsibility in Sweden.

How do I learn more about the results of the study?

If you want to learn more about the results of the study, please contact the researchers responsible for the study Johanna Söderström or Moa Mårtensson (see contact details below). You always have a right to access the results of the study when they have been generated. The results of the study will be disseminated to participants only upon their request.

Remuneration

There is no remuneration for participation in the study. However, we will raffle off movie tickets to 10 respondents.

Participation is voluntary

Your participation is voluntary and you can choose to terminate your participation in the study at any time. If you choose not to participate or terminate your participation you do not

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need to state why, and it will not influence your future relation with the Department of Government or Uppsala University.

If you want to terminate your participation, contact the main researcher responsible for the study (see below).

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