Doctor of Education
(Higher Education)

Thesis Supervisor Matching Process:
Student Guidelines

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Aim

The aim of the matching process is for students to engage in the choice of an appropriate supervisor for the thesis stage of the EdD and for potential supervisors to match their research skills and interests with suitable students. The matching process takes place in the EdD. Doctoral Community and you will receive an email with information on how to access this once the matching phase has begun.

Process

1. On **Day 1** of the matching period, you should post your profile in the appropriate place on the site.
2. Once you are logged into the site, you will be able to see the profile of all available supervisors. You should search for a faculty member whose research interests match your own in terms of subject, sector, methodology. It may also be beneficial to bear in mind the time zone of your potential supervisor is in and the feasibility of synchronous conversation.
3. Alongside more formal supervision, support will be provided for you via research clusters. Each research cluster will normally be led by a member of staff at the University of Liverpool, who would also usually act as a primary supervisor for one student within that cluster. While it is possible that a supervisor will be associated with more than one research cluster, it may be necessary to take this into account in matching students and supervisors.
4. It is important that you only contact one potential supervisor **at a time** and begin a conversation.
5. You may also be contacted by a potential supervisor whilst you are in conversation with your initial choice. If this happens, please explain that this is the case and that you will contact them if your conversation does not lead to a match.
6. You may choose not to contact a potential supervisor at all and instead wait for one of them to contact you.
7. If both you and the faculty member and you agree to work together, you should remove your profile from the site.
8. If you do not find a match the first time, continue to begin **one conversation at a time** until you find a supervisor. The matching period lasts until the day before your official thesis start date.
9. If by the end of the matching period, you have not found a supervisor, you will be contacted by the EdD Thesis Manager who will assign an appropriate member of faculty.