Responsibilities of postdoctoral members of ViDSS Supervisory Teams

Addendum to the Code of Good Practice for Doctoral Schools¹ (as of 14 July 2021)

A ViDSS Supervisory Team includes all formally registered supervisors and co-supervisors of a student member of the Vienna Doctoral School of Social Sciences (ViDSS). In addition, postdoctoral non-tenured staff members can join a ViDSS Supervisory Team.

A postdoctoral researcher who is a member of a ViDSS Supervisory Team:

a) commits herself/himself to participate in the ViDSS Onboarding Workshop at the earliest possible date and to regularly join events for supervisors organised by the Doctoral School;
b) promotes the academic development of the doctoral candidate to become an independent researcher;
c) commits herself/himself to supervise the doctoral candidate for the duration of the doctoral thesis project and to provide regular comments on the candidate’s progress and their manuscripts and doctoral thesis drafts;
d) commits herself/himself to regular exchanges with the main supervisor and other members of a doctoral candidate’s supervisory team about the progress of the doctoral candidate;
e) supports the doctoral candidate in preparing the public presentation at the Faculty (FÖP);
f) clarifies shared expectations for supervision with the doctoral candidate and the main supervisor/s in an annex to the doctoral thesis agreement, i.e. the Application for membership of a ViDSS Supervisory Team for a postdoctoral researcher²;
g) keeps herself/himself updated about the latest progress in the doctoral candidate’s research field;
h) encourages the doctoral candidate to present and publish their research findings in relevant outlets;
i) helps to ensure compliance with the Code of Good Academic Practice of the University of Vienna;
j) where appropriate, helps the candidate to apply for additional funding;
k) agrees to be listed on the website of the ViDSS;
l) contributes to the reputation and success of the Doctoral School.

² https://vds-sosci.univie.ac.at/fileadmin/user_upload/p_vds_sosci/Docs/ViDSS_supervisory_teams_application_form.docx