**Expectations, Role and Responsibilities in the Graduate Student-Supervisor Relationship**

Graduate School is a challenging but also a rewarding experience. The majority of graduate students undertaking will rely on a member of Faculty to act as a supervisor for their thesis, project, dissertation or practicum.

The supervisor-student relationship is the very essence of graduate student supervision. In the future it is intended to design a UNBC specific process, in the form of a written declaration, which clear states the expectations and responsibilities of all parties involved in the supervisory process.

In the interim, the process is voluntary and based on the *“Letter of Understanding between Advisors/Supervisors and Graduate Students”* recommended by the Canadian Association of Graduate Studies (CAGS-November 2012) and accessible in the pdf below.

It is suggested that all graduate students use this document as the basis for discussion with their supervisors and modify as appropriate to the specifics of their thesis, project, dissertation or practicum.

[**CAGS Graduate Supervision Letter of Understanding**](http://www.google.ca/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=1&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=0CB0QFjAAahUKEwiP3v7hqZXHAhVGVT4KHZcPAPk&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.cags.ca%2Fdocuments%2Fpublications%2Fbest_practices%2FLetterofunderstanding.FINALOCT2012.Eng.doc&ei=lsfDVY-7PMaq-QGXn4DIDw&usg=AFQjCNGbEHWbEMeo0K2eQkjs2ePBF5-YiQ&sig2=tpMFEQV9VoHYnjz2H_gwdA)