



## PERCEIVED SUPERVISOR DISINTEREST

### Student Perspective

I'm doing a dissertation in an area where my supervisor has conducted research for years. I thought this would be an advantage, but it seems that his passion for this area maybe has faded, and it's permeated down, to me as his student. I got invited to go and give a presentation which is really exciting, but my supervisor was like, "Oh I don't want to go." And that was really disheartening for me. "Well you don't wanna go, I got lots of other stuff I could be doing but I'm excited about the idea of going to give my presentation."

But then you know, my supervisor seems now to have a research passion in another area, and my goodness the supervision of students in that area is fabulous and they'll have a different perspective. But I see what they get, it's actually really soul destroying. What I receive, it's more of a careless kind of an effort. However, things have picked up a bit recently. I didn't really find my supervisor particularly interested in me until I expressed that I wanted to do a PhD and then I felt like I got more attention.





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### New Supervisor Perspective

As a new staff member, I'm co-supervising a number of dissertation students. One of the research projects I'm co-supervising is in an area I don't have much interest in. And I wonder about that; when it's not your area – whether that affects engagement with your supervision process? For this one project here, I feel honestly less interested. Supervising this project is more of a means to an end to me, basically where I can tick a box that says, “Yes, I've supervised a project at that level”. I don't really think I have much of an investment in terms of whether the project works or not. I honestly don't care if these kids learn crap. That sounds terrible but – yeah.

