Productive Supervisory Relationships: Making Assumptions Explicit

A conversation between Supervisor and Student

1. **Meetings:** How often should we meet? Who should be responsible for scheduling meetings? Who is responsible for setting the agenda for meetings?

2. **Goal Setting:** Who is responsible for determining the focus of the research?

3. **Structure/Formality:** What degree of structure/formality do you expect in the supervisory relationship?

4. **Conference Attendance:** What are the expectations to attend academic conferences? How is attendance funded?

5. **Publishing:** Are we expecting to publish independently? Do we publish together? What is the understanding about authorship? How do I publish my thesis?

6. **Research/Training:** What is our understanding of the RA relationship? What about a Research Fellowship?

7. **TA., Teaching & Undergraduate Supervision:** Whose responsibility is it to secure TA and Teaching experiences?

8. **Feedback:** How often should work be submitted to the supervisor for review? What is a reasonable turn-around time for getting feedback?

9. **Other?**