

# Supporting students during their thesis process

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## Keuzecompetentie BKS

In het BKS (Beroepskwalificatie studieadviseur)-traject van de UT is een keuzecompetentie opgenomen. Het doel is om een overdraagbaar product op te leveren.

In 2017 hebben de betrokken studieadviseurs de resultaten gebundeld met als thema "Supporting students during their thesis project".

Er is een Engelstalige presentatie gegeven aan collega studieadviseurs, opleidingscoördinatoren, opleidingsdirecteuren en andere belangstellenden in de 'Lunch & Learn'-reeks van de UT. Het bijbehorende Engelstalige artikel is gepubliceerd in de Teaching Topics-reeks en terug te vinden via

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**Annet (ET-Mechanical Engineering)** present during conference

Mindset (Dweck, 2006) and Gender (Annis & Gray, 2013)(niet in rapportage) as possible explanation for problematic interaction between student and thesis supervisor.

Fixed mindset	Growth mindset
Thesis is a masterproof	Thesis is a stage in an ongoing learning process

### Thesis problems ↔ mindset

	Fixed	Supervisor	Growth
Growth	Supervisor will complain about the fact that the student is not working in a structured way and does not produce the expected product. Student will feel restricted.	Thesis project lasts too long as both student and supervisor keep exploring new routes and do not communicate enough about the final product.	
Student			
Fixed	The student and the supervisor will have a conflict on content and/or process as long as their expectations don't match	The student will complain that the supervisor is not giving enough direction about the end result.	

### Typical communication-supervisor ↔ mindset

Fixed	Growth
I think a thesis with experiments will better suit you.	Which steps do you want to take to make this modelling study a success?
This is rubbish. I don't want to see you until you finished your final draft.	If you want to succeed you need to do more. I give you an example of a draft as I expect it to be in this stage. Make a comparison between your draft and this draft for next time.

**Joleen (BMS-Psychology)** not present during conference

Factors that play an important role in the master thesis process and how to influence these

**Sharon (EEMCS-Computer Science)** not present during conference

Group guidance by study advisers-design of a workshop for MSc-students who experience problems in their thesis project

Dweck, Carol S., Mindset, The new psychology of success, Random House, New York, 2006

Gray, John and Barbara Annis, Work with me, How gender intelligence can help you succeed at work and in life, Little Brown, UK, 2013.

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