



Exercise: Potential relationships between supervisor and PhD student

1. Which relationship do you have to your PhD students?
2. Which relationship do you think your PhD students would prefer?

Supervisor	PhD student
Director	Follower
Master	Servant
Guru	Disciple
Teacher	Pupil
Expert	Novice
Guide	Explorer
Project manager	Team worker
Auditor	Client
Editor	Author
Counsellor	Client
Doctor	Patient
Senior partner	Junior professional
Colleague	Colleague
Friend	Friend
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List adapted from Brown & Atkins 1988