

Susan Graham

Finalist

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Susan Graham is an outstanding graduate student mentor. A professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of Calgary, Dr. Graham has an exemplary record of graduate mentorship spanning over two decades. She has supervised 13 Ph.D students and 16 M.Sc. students, many of whom have taken up leadership roles in industry and academia.

Dr. Graham's approach to graduate supervision is grounded in her belief that an effective student-supervisor relationship is laid upon a foundation of mutual respect, trust, availability, and teamwork. "Dr. Graham taught us the value of collaborating with colleagues and the creativity that can arise from doing so," writes a former graduate student. It is this spirit of working together that drives Dr. Graham's passion for helping young researchers to achieve success. She works hard to integrate students into her lab, and helps them network with relevant scholars in the field.

Dr. Graham's mentorship goes far beyond helping her graduate students develop and execute successful research projects. She helps them develop the independent thinking and professional skills that are essential in today's highly competitive labour market, and regularly assists students explore their career options, both inside and outside of the Academy. "Dr. Graham provided an ideal training environment for my growth as a researcher and practitioner," reflects a former graduate student. "She embodies the characteristics of a great supervisor and mentor: someone who is passionate about her research and who works tirelessly to ensure the success of her graduate students."



Susan Graham is a Professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of Calgary, and the Director of the Owerko Centre at the Alberta Children's Hospital Research Institute. She is a fellow of the Association for Psychology Science, and the Editor-in-Chief for the *Journal of Cognition and Development*. Her research focuses on understanding language and cognitive development during the infancy and preschool years.



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