

Core competencies and attributes

Entrepreneurship

- Developing innovative concepts and research
- Creating networking opportunities
- Being at the forefront of thought leadership
- Submitting competitive funding applications

Communication skills (Written & Oral Communication, Active Listening)

- Writing articles and your thesis
- Managing stakeholders effectively and proactively
- Communicating complex information to varied groups (students, seminars, lectures, conferences, public etc)
- Ensuring a clear channel of communication with your supervisor
- Creating logical arguments to persuade others

Analysis & Problem-Solving

- Your research trains you to think critically, analyse and understand links between ideas and facts
- Approaching problems systematically and in a structured way
- Comprehending large amounts of information
- Designing ways to test theories or ideas and formulating results

Interpersonal & Leadership Skills

- Effectively mentoring others (students or team)
- Partaking in meetings and planning sessions
- Receiving criticism positively and productively
- Teaching skills or ideas to others
- Motivating teams to complete projects effectively

Project Management & Organisation

- Managing a large-scale project from start to finish
- Reviewing the process and results
- Collaborating with others (in research or supervision)
- Planning the project but showing flexibility when change is required

Research

- Able to identify the best approach to a problem
- Experienced at designing ways to analyse and interpret data
- Handled large amounts of data
- Comfortable presenting and defending your findings



Self-Management & Work Habits

- Work effectively to deadlines
- Able to communicate clearly with line managers and be flexible when circumstances change
- Efficient at prioritising and planning
- Work well under pressure when necessary

Public Speaking

- Confident at presenting papers or talks in front of larger audiences
- Able to adjust communication style for small groups or non-expert audiences
- Capable of planning and delivering talks in an engaging way
- Knowledge and experience to manage potentially challenging questions

Collaboration

- Comfortable working within a team to achieve a goal
- Organised and run meetings to share information and develop new ideas
- Efficient at communicating in the most appropriate ways for team members
- Capable of resolving conflict effectively