

Transcript: INTRODUCTION TO THE SERIES (Dr. Brooke Milne)

BROOKE MILNE: "Hello. My name is Brooke Milne. I am the Vice-Provost and Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research at the University of Alberta.

"I am pleased to introduce you to a series of brief videos that the FGSR has created to discuss useful tips and strategies for supervisors to consider as they work remotely with their graduate students.

"This year, with the outbreak of COVID-19, we've heard from a number of colleagues who are concerned about the challenges of working with their continuing students and also meeting for the first time, their new students, as we all navigate this new physical dimension of our realities.

"All of us at the FGSR are committed to establishing guidelines that support high-quality graduate supervision. We know that the supervisory relationship is the most important one that a graduate student will have when they begin their graduate programs at the U of A. When it is positive, it sets the student up for success and goes a long way to creating the most positive experience possible for the duration of their program.

"Our goal is to facilitate and answer common questions and concerns that you, as supervisors, may have.

"For the next several months, we're going to post a series of short videos offering tips on some of the most pressing subjects -- from supervising effectively at a distance to helping students transition into a new program.

"We'll distribute these new videos and resources in the coming weeks. And if there are other topics you'd like us to address, please email us at grad.dean@ualberta.ca.

"Thanks for your continuing efforts to help ensure that our graduate students have an outstanding educational experience. Enjoy the videos!"