

Tasneem's solution

Dear John,

I hope my email finds you well.

I was lucky to attend your workshop for new MPhil/PhD students. I am an international student from Middle East, and I study in Management.

And I had a chance to discuss with you my situation of being supervised by a professor who is not an expert in my field and how I might deal with that, and you kindly proposed that I should share my doubts with my supervisor.

You may anticipate now how much time that took me since we have met in the workshop, I was really hesitant to raise this issue with him especially as I mentioned to you earlier, my supervisor is very helpful and that our relationship is very effective. Although I was struggling to understand the boundaries of my research and I felt that I am losing a plenty of time just to be sure that I am on the right track.

Anyway, finally I found that I have to put an end to this and to open my heart with him, and I was surprised from the results. We agreed to change the second supervisor to another one (which I suggested) who was an expert ethnographer, to help me with my methodology/data analysis section, and he started to provide me with some very recent publication and printed research series in my area as well as very useful workshops/conferences to attend. In addition, he introduced me to a great network of researchers in my field.

I am feeling satisfied with my progress and the support he provided me and I am really grateful to you advice regarding this issue. Therefore, I wanted to share my experience with you. Many thanks for you again.

Best regards,

Tasneem