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Subject: Superb Supervision - new training for PhD supervisors

Dear Sir, Madam,

Last year all members of the scientific staff were invited to participate in a study that investigates the research climate both at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VU) and the other academic institutions in Amsterdam (VU University Medical Center, University of Amsterdam and Amsterdam Medical Center). The study explores the Academic Research Climate in Amsterdam (ARCA). Based on the survey results and the focus groups that were subsequently held to brainstorm on promising interventions to improve the research climate, the researchers have developed a training for PhD supervisors: Superb Supervision – Mentoring PhD students towards Research Integrity.

I endorse the goals of this pilot training and encourage you to participate in it. The training offers a unique possibility to get hands-on experience with a variety of tools that can foster responsible research in your PhD-students. Besides that soft-skills of effective mentorship are practiced and discussed. With your participation we believe we can deliver better support to the new generation of researchers at the VU.

Please note that your participation is free of charge. As it is a pilot, your answers will be used to further improve the training. Learn more about the training here ([link](#)).

On behalf of the Executive Board of the VU, I thank you for your time, your efforts and your participation.

Yours sincerely,  
on behalf of the Executive Board



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