

## Leading the way in supervision, mentorship

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A pair of professors are being recognized by the School of Graduate Studies for their excellence in supervision and mentorship.

Hossam Hassanein and Allan English are the 2015 recipients of the Award for Excellence in Graduate Students Supervision. The award recognizes outstanding supervisors who demonstrate excellence in advising, monitoring and mentoring graduate students through their training.

"The Excellence in Graduate Supervision Awards recognize those supervisors who have been instrumental in enriching the graduate student experience through mentorship, guidance and, on occasion, serving as the safety net when research doesn't go as planned," says Brenda Brouwer, Dean, School of Graduate Studies. "From the number of nominations we receive each year, we are extremely fortunate to have so many dedicated faculty

members and students who work hard to build strong and respectful supervisor-student relationships, which are so critical in graduate education."

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Allan English (History) has taught at the undergraduate and graduate levels for 28 years at the Royal Military College of Canada, at Queen's, and at the Canadian Forces College in Toronto. He started teaching at Queen's in 1993, and has graduated 11 doctoral and 18 master's students. He is currently supervising five PhD students. His students have published five books and numerous scholarly articles based on their graduate work at Queen's.

Dr. English specializes in Canadian military history, and some of his current research is focused on how lessons learned from histori-

cal experience can be applied to improve military, veteran and family health policies and practices. Dr. English has been a researcher with the Canadian Institute of Military, Veteran and Family Health, a focal point for 37 Canadian universities working together to address the health research requirements of the Canadian military, since its inception in 2010.

Students have commented that they appreciate Dr. English's encouragement to publish widely and frequently, and to aim high. In today's changing job market they also appreciate his advice to engage in "entrepreneurial thinking," and a number of his students have gone on to successful careers outside of academe where they have leveraged skills acquired in their graduate experience at Queen's to create business opportunities.

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Hossam Hassanein (Computing) specializes in the areas of broadband, wireless and variable

topology networks architecture, protocols, control and performance evaluation.

Dr. Hassanein obtained his PhD in Computing Science from the University of Alberta in 1990 and is the founder and director of the Queen's Telecommunications Research Lab in the School of Computing.

Since joining Queen's in 1999, Dr. Hassanein has graduated 35 doctoral students and 48 master's students who have gone on to successful academic and industry careers. Together with his students, Dr. Hassanein has published three books, over 300 conference papers and 90 journal papers, all in top venues. Over 95 per cent of his publications are first-authored by students. Dr. Hassanein strives for excellence, novelty and rigour, as reflected in the nine best-paper awards received in flagship con-



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ferences of papers co-authored with students.

Dr. Hassanein holds weekly individual meetings with his graduate students, and maintains an open-door policy. He also holds a weekly lab meeting in which members present their work and invited scholars give presentations. He hands out an annual "Telecommunications Research Excellence Award" to the top achieving student in the academic year.

Dr. Hassanein is highly regarded by his students for his "encouragement, sound advice, high-quality teaching, good company, and countless ideas."

### CONGRATULATIONS

The School of Graduate Studies congratulates 874 SGS graduates who will receive their Graduate Diplomas, Master's and PhD degrees at convocation ceremonies being held on Nov. 17 and 18.