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# The Academic Librarian's Support to PhD Students' Portfolio Work Use of the Third Space

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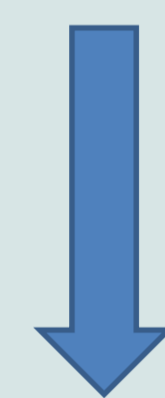
## Support Derived from Academic Librarianship:

### CORE SKILLS

- Pedagogy and constructive alignment
- Information Communication Technology
- Reference interview

### ADDED SKILLS

- Supporting the entire scientific process
- Professional development and reflective writing



### SUPPORT SITUATION

- Ask the questions and listen to answers
- Reference interview skills
- Refine your intended support
- Find an entrance for reflective writing
- Find reflective texts for building a Page communicating to the receiver
- Sharing the Page
- Offer feed-back and involve the course leader when relevant

The academic librarians' competencies are useful in the collaboration with course leader and when offering class-room and individual guidance to PhD students in their portfolio work.

"Third space" – a meeting point for professionals and academics in higher education

Shared values, academic experience and language in common

Pedagogy and constructive alignment

Scientific process

Reflective writing

Creating workshops:  
Intended Learning Outcomes Requirements, Assessment  
Hands-on in Mahara web tool  
Reflective writing  
Career planning

## Course Leadership and Support

### CORE SKILLS

- Researchers' scientific process
- Student centered learning
- Pedagogy and constructive alignment
- Own experience; supervision, professional development, career planning

## Portfolio 12 credits – 4 years

Achieve all goals for the PhD degree

### DOCUMENTATION AND REFLECTION WITHIN TWELVE CATEGORIES

- Research process
- Research methodology
- Subject expertise
- Publications
- Supervision
- Ethical issues
- Conferences and seminars
- Administrative work
- Teaching experience
- Career development
- Cooperation with the wider society
- Interaction with the research community

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