

Message from Deputy Manager, Harassment Counseling Office

My supervisor when I was a postgraduate student was not only a top-notch researcher, but also a gentle and thoughtful person who was respected by everyone—as a mentor, as a university staff member, and as a human being.

At that time, I was a handful not only in my research but also in my daily life as a student. Whenever I seemed to need guidance, my professor asked me quietly to come to their office out of concern and asked, "may I have a word with you?" After politely explaining, they would smile and say, "Is this all right?" and gave me time to understand the advice. Thanks to this professor, I was able to expansively enjoy my time as a postgraduate student.

Universities are places to freely pursue academic studies, and it is normal for research to be a series of failures. Except in cases where there is fear for a serious loss of life or damage to property, an environment where a few mistakes are tolerated and opinions are not freely expressed is not proper university research. It is also natural to have mutual respect for each other as human beings, even if we are strict about the research process itself. If you have any concerns regarding any of these aspects, or if you feel distressed, please consult the Harassment Counseling Office.

We at Osaka University do not overlook or allow harassment and will take steps to deal with harassment strictly.

We ask for everyone's cooperation.

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