

You Deserve a Right PhD Advisor

Every new PhD student is full of joy and bright new ideas. You, as a PhD student, have a right to an advisor that understands you and molds himself according to your need. You as a PhD student have a right to the following:

- An advisor that makes you and your PhD their priority. The advisor needs to be fully invested with your research and should acknowledge your struggles.
- An advisor who understands that you have come to learn. If you already knew your research topic/thesis or had concrete research ideas, then why would you need to do a PhD? PhD is a learning process where the advisor and the student walk together as friends.
- An advisor who understands that there will be a learning curve. It is just impossible for you to learn everything in the first shot or within a few days. You need some time. You need someone to guide you through the vast literature. You deserve someone who understands your needs and gives you time to grow. A mango tree does not start harboring delicious mangoes in a day. It takes years of efforts and only then you have access to a lush green mango tree full of ripe mangoes.
- An advisor who understands that papers can get rejected and the review process is often random. You as a student will pour out your heart in your paper. A rejection is never a happy news. But it is important for both you and your advisor to learn from the rejection. Each rejection gives an opportunity to improve the paper further. Each paper has a home, and it will eventually reach its home. A little more effort and the paper will find its home.
- An advisor who understands your importance and advocates about your abilities. Your advisor should help you to get every internship/job/academic opportunity that you desire.