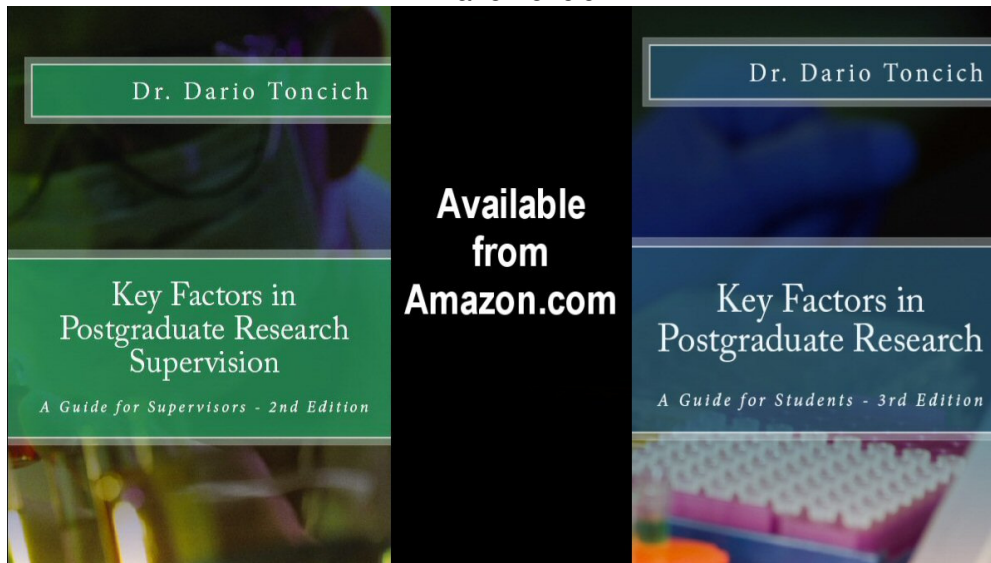


# 10 Tips for PhD Research

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## Tip Number 10 – Look Back in Pragmatism

Once a PhD is completed, there is a tendency to look back at the thesis and the work that was undertaken with some embarrassment. Many things become apparent - the flaws in the work; the amateurish writing style; the unsupported overstatements of achievement, and so on. If students look back and see all these things then it is a measure of how far they have come as a result of having conducted the PhD.

A PhD research program is unlikely to be a perfect research exercise and a PhD thesis is unlikely to be a perfect document.

*"When a PhD candidate undertakes and submits their research, everything should represent the very best that the candidate can do. When a person looks back at their PhD it should come to represent the very least that they can do. That is the power of the learning in a PhD program."*