Subject: Researcher Identity Survey

Dear PhD Students and young researchers,

**What does it mean for YOU to be a researcher?**

We want to understand your unique journey and how your PhD supervision has shaped your development as a researcher. We invite you to participate in the research project**“I\*see a Need – Researcher Identities on the Move”.** This study explores how PhD supervisors influence the formation of researcher identities and how factors like gender and diversity impact this process.

Led by **Marie Gruber, PhD, Prof. Catherine Beaudry**from Polytechnique Montréal and **Prof. Thomas Crispeels** from Vrije Universiteit Brussel, this project seeks to uncover the key factors that shape your growth as a researcher. Your experiences and insights will contribute to improving PhD trajectories and understanding how supervision affects academic identity.

**Why participate?**

* Share your perspective on what it means to be a researcher.
* Contribute to new knowledge about how supervision and identity development intersect.
* Help us better understand the role of gender and diversity in the supervisor-student relationship

**Details:**

* The survey takes just **10-15 minutes** to complete.
* Available in both **English and French**.
* **Ethics certificates** have been obtained to ensure the confidentiality and integrity of the research.

**Link to survey:**<https://vub.fra1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0qhpGjhn50fIoQu>

Your input is vital to this project and can help shape policies and practices in doctoral education.
For any questions, feel free to contact the research team.

Warm regards
Marie Gruber