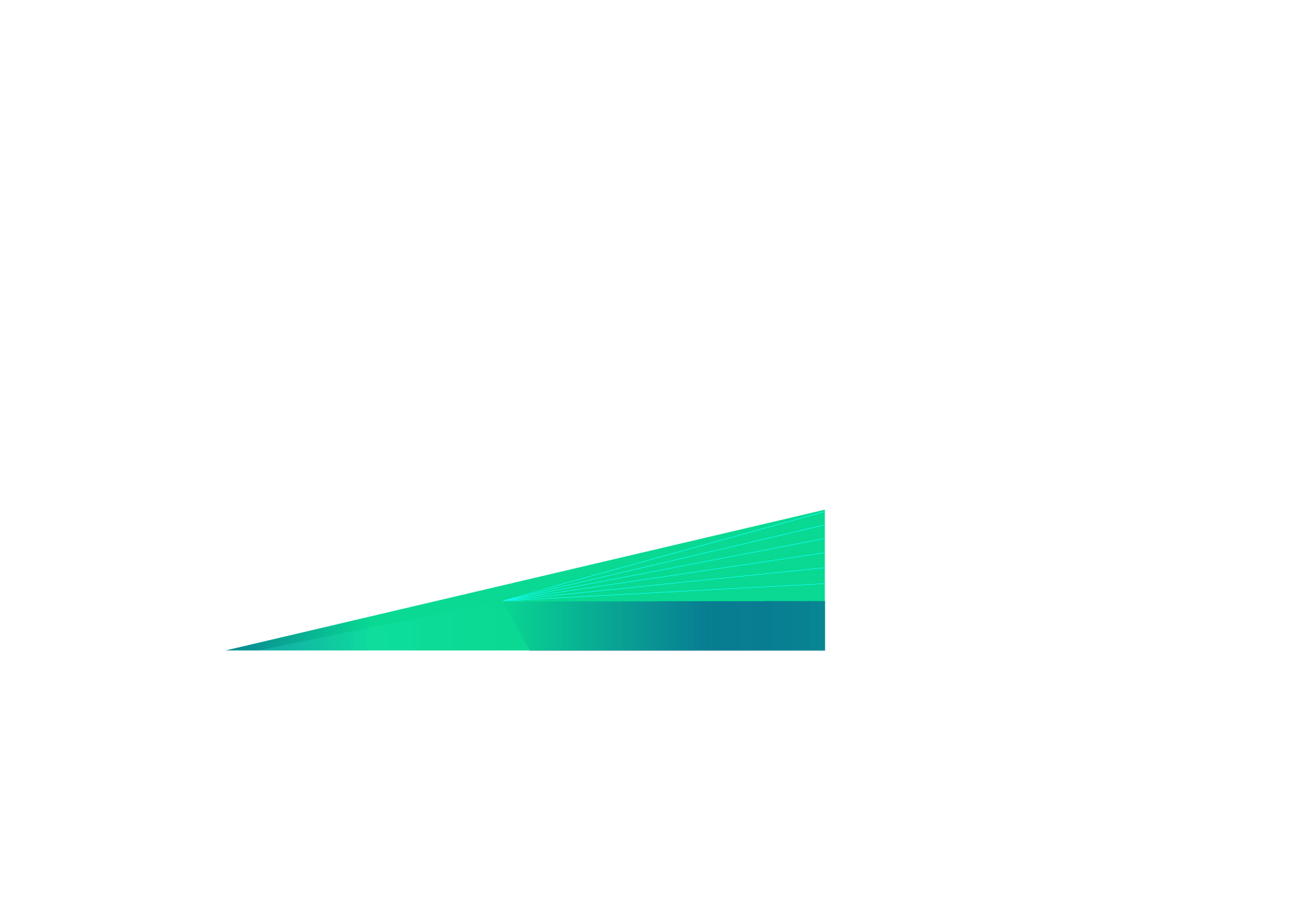
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**PhD by Thesis**

# Introduction

The following University regulations apply to all higher degrees classified by the Research Degrees Committee as PhD by thesis.

These regulations include applications for admission to the above degrees both by candidates who are members of staff of the University (whether teaching, research or other category) and those who are not members of staff of the University.

The University Research Degrees Committee is the final arbiter of matters regarding the application and/or interpretation of the Regulations.

# ADMISSION AND ENROLMENT

# Academic Year

* 1. For the purposes of these regulations the academic year is considered to consist of three periods, the first two coinciding broadly with the undergraduate trimesters.

# Admission to a Programme

* 1. To be admitted to undertake the degree of Doctor of Philosophy a candidate shall:

1. have been awarded the degree of Bachelor with First or Second Class Honours or the degree of Masters of this University or the corresponding degree in another university approved by the Research Degrees Committee for this purpose or have achieved a comparable qualification as approved by the Research Degrees Committee.
2. have satisfied such additional entry requirements as may be approved by the Research Degrees Committee from time to time.

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| *Students who are nearing completion of their Bachelor’s or Master’s programme or the equivalent at another university, but have not yet been awarded the degree may be conditionally accepted on to the PhD programme.* |

# Duration of prescribed period of study

* 1. The prescribed period of study, training, supervision and thesis completion/writing-up shall extend over a period of either:

1. 48 months (comprising 36 months of research and up to 12 months of thesis completion/writing-up) as a full-time student in this University, or
2. 80 months (comprising 60 months of research and up to 20 months of thesis completion/writing-up) as a part-time student,
3. The prescribed period of study can be set at a greater length, on application to the Research Degrees Committee, in special circumstances (such as in response to the requirements of the Research Councils). This will require the payment of tuition fees at the rate set for that year.
4. The maximum period of registration for a full-time PhD candidate is seven years from initial registration, including any periods of suspension and changes to mode of study.
5. The maximum period of registration for a part-time PhD candidate is ten years from initial registration, including any periods of suspension and changes to mode of study.
6. The University, through RDC, reserves the right to terminate a candidate’s registration if they exceed this maximum period.
   1. Any period of suspension of study granted in accordance with regulations 11 or 12 shall not count towards the prescribed period of study under 4.1 above.
   2. A research student who teaches in the University for not more than six hours per week shall not for that reason be debarred from being considered as a full-time student for the purposes of this regulation.

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| * *This regulation governs the ‘prescribed period’ of study, that is the period during which the candidate is entitled to supervision; where the candidate is granted an extension or suspension of study as defined below, there is an absolute upper limit on completing the thesis and training credits of seven years.* * *3.1c: For example, for full-time students this empowers RDC to extend the actual study period, which would be expected to be between three years but not exceeding four years.* * *Periods of study may be reduced – see reg. 4.* |

# Reduction in period of study

* 1. A candidate may be permitted to count towards the period of study and research required by Reg 3 up to one year spent in full-time research at another institution approved by the Research Degrees Committee for this purpose.
  2. A candidate may apply to submit a completed thesis at any time in their final year of the research period and receive a reduction in final year tuition fees calculated on the date of submission, in accordance with the following:

1. 9 to 12 months before the end of the prescribed period of study - full fee remission
2. 5 to 8 months before the end of the prescribed period of study - two-thirds fee remission
3. 1 to 4 months before the end of the prescribed period of study - one third fee remission.
   1. Applications under 4.1 or 4.2 shall be subject to the approval of the Chair of the Research Degrees Committee, on the recommendation of the candidate’s supervisor, Head of Academic Unit and the relevant Graduate Research Director.

# Candidates who are member of staff of the University

* 1. The following apply only to candidates who are members of staff of the University, whether teaching, research or other category unless otherwise stated.
  2. Members of staff, other than those who are employed to research, **mus**t be enrolled as part-time students.
  3. A candidate may be permitted to spend no more than one year of the period of study at another institution approved by the Research Degrees Committee for this purpose
  4. For the purpose of these regulations members of the research staff who are engaged in teaching in the University for not more than six hours in a week shall be deemed to devote their whole time to research.
  5. A candidate who has enrolled under these regulations and who has subsequently ceased to be a member of staff of this University may submit a thesis for the degree or, in the case of a thesis referred under Regulation 20.1(d), a revised version of the thesis.

# SUPERVISION AND PROGRESS MONITORING

# Supervision

* 1. A principal supervisor and at least one other (second) supervisor shall be appointed for each candidate.
  2. Supervision of the candidate’s thesis shall be conducted in accordance with any code of practice approved by the Research Degrees Committee for the purpose.
  3. In the case of candidates enrolled part-time:

1. Meetings with the supervisors shall be no less than six times per academic session in the research period and one every two months in the thesis completion stage. Before the candidate begins the prescribed period of study, the Academic Unit shall be satisfied that the candidate is able to do this and has adequate facilities to pursue the research.
2. The candidate shall be prepared, if required, to attend the University for a period not exceeding 28 days per academic session.
3. Where applicable the supervisors shall have access to the laboratory, or workplace, in which the candidate’s research is being pursued in order to examine the candidate’s experimental work and facilities.

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| *University Code of Practice: Postgraduate Research Students details the rights and responsibilities of supervisors and supervisees; supervisors are responsible for advising candidates on their research training needs, including through the annual Training Needs Analysis, to meet the requirements for research training – reg. 8.* |

# Evidence of satisfactory academic progress

* 1. A system for monitoring the progress of a candidate shall be in place in accordance with criteria prescribed by the Research Degrees Committee.
  2. Academic Units may define specific criteria and procedures through which candidates will be required to demonstrate satisfactory progress throughout the prescribed period of study, provided that such criteria and process shall be provided to candidates in writing no later than the commencement of their prescribed period of study. Criteria and procedures shall be subject to the approval of the Research Degrees Committee.
  3. A candidate’s prescribed period of study may be terminated on the grounds of unsatisfactory progress as measured against criteria established under 7.2 provided that the candidate has first been issued with a University Warning by Research Degrees Committee, accompanied by written guidance as to what improvement is required and in accordance with the University Code of Practice Research Degrees: Termination of Candidature. The decision to terminate the prescribed period of study shall be made by the Chair of the Research Degrees Committee on the recommendation of the Head of Academic Unit and relevant Graduate Research Director.
  4. Where the Academic Unit is satisfied that the candidate is not making satisfactory progress towards achieving a PhD, but may be able to achieve a Masters by Thesis, a recommendation may be made to the Chair of the Research Degrees Committee that the candidate be transferred to the appropriate Masters degree, with an agreed deadline for submission.

# RESEARCH TRAINING

# Postgraduate Training Scheme

* 1. Subject to the Regulations for the Postgraduate Certificate and Diploma in Research Training all candidates shall enroll for and achieve a minimum of 60 credits from modules designated as part of the Postgraduate Training Scheme (PGTS), administered by the Doctoral College, and detailed in the PGTS Handbook.
  2. The requirement in 8.1 may be in part be satisfied by the accreditation of a maximum of 40 credits achieved by prior learning. Any application for such accreditation shall be subject to the approval of the relevant Graduate Research Director and Research Degrees Committee on the recommendation of the candidate’s supervisor.

# SUSPENSION OF STUDY AND REPEAT PERIODS

# Permitted duration for the accumulation of credits

* 1. A qualification shall not be awarded to a candidate who has not completed training credits and the thesis for examination within seven years of initial enrolment for the full-time PhD, or within ten years for a part-time PhD.

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| * *This sets an absolute upper limit for completion of the requirements for the degree, including any periods of extension/suspension of study; this is different to the duration of the ‘prescribed period of study’ defined in reg. 3.* * *There is no provision for ‘interim awards’ under these regulations; where a candidate withdraws without completing the degree, they are entitled to a Research Training award (certificate or diploma) based on the number of research training credits gained at that point; entitlement is governed by the regulations for the Certificate and Diploma in Research Training.* |

# Suspension of study

* 1. During the prescribed period of study as defined in Reg 3, and subject to regulation 9, a candidate may suspend their studies by making a written application using the approved application form to the Research Degrees Committee for periods not exceeding 12 months.
  2. A suspension of study may be permitted for personal/medical reasons and for other circumstances, for example a candidate wishing to spend a period abroad or in industry, which is not part of the programme of study they are following.
  3. A suspension of study may be required for students who need a period of suspension to complete outstanding assessments.

# Suspension of study on grounds of risk

* 1. A candidate on any University of Hull module or programme, wheresoever located, who is judged, on substantial evidence, to be unfit to study by reason of posing a risk to themselves or others may be required to suspend those studies even in the absence of the candidate’s consent provided the procedures defined below are followed.
  2. Where such evidence is deemed to exist, this shall be reported in writing to the Head of Student Support and Experience, and the candidate shall be required to undertake such ‘risk assessment’ as the Head of Student Support and Experience determines appropriate. Refusal to undertake such assessment shall be deemed justification in itself for the candidate being required to suspend their studies.
  3. The Head of Student Support and Experience shall report their findings of the risk assessment, in writing, to the Student Cases Committee (undergraduate and taught postgraduate students) or the Research Degrees Committee (research students), and the relevant Committee shall determine whether, in the light of the assessment, suspension of study shall be required.
  4. A candidate who is required to suspend studies in accordance with this Regulation shall have the right to appeal in accordance with the University’s Code of Practice: Academic Appeals. The said Code shall be modified to the extent that a member of the University’s Health sub-committee shall be invited to submit such advice or evidence as the parties and/or those involved in determining the appeal deem useful, and attend any hearing on the same basis.
  5. The decision to require suspension of study shall be effective once made, and notified to the candidate in writing by recorded delivery to such addresses as recorded on the University Student Information System at the time, and unless and until any appeal is heard and allowed.
  6. A candidate who is required to suspend studies in accordance with this Regulation shall not be regarded as a student of the University during the period of suspension and shall not be entitled to use University facilities and services or be present on the University campuses.
  7. A candidate who is required to suspend studies in accordance with this Regulation shall not be permitted to resume their studies until they have provided evidence to Student Support and Experience agreed by them to be relevant and appropriate that they are fit to resume their studies. Where a candidate has ongoing support needs these **should** be documented along with an agreement as to who will be responsible for providing this support. This agreement may be made with Student Support and Experience or with external agencies and seen by Student Support and Experience. This evidence **should** be submitted to the candidate’s Head of Academic Unit and forwarded for the chair of the Student Cases Committee or Research Degrees Committee. The chair shall determine whether the candidate is permitted to resume their studies taking such advice as they deem necessary in making the decision.
  8. Any decision to require suspension of study, the outcome of any appeal, and the decision to allow the candidate to resume their studies shall be communicated to the candidate in writing by recorded delivery within three working days of the decision being made.

# Exceptional circumstances

* 1. Transfer between Full-time and Part-time mode

Candidates are permitted one transfer from full-time to part-time mode, or part-time to fulltime mode of study, within the research period. This is not permitted within the last six months of the research period unless in exceptional circumstances and for reasons such as maternity, paternity, caring responsibilities and ill health. Transfer between modes of study is not permitted in the writing-up period, nor is it permitted retrospectively. The remaining duration of the research period is calculated on the basis of full months remaining, at a conversion rate of 1 month full-time= 2 months part-time.

* 1. Repeating a period

A candidate shall not be permitted to enrol for the degree as new other than with the approval of the Research Degrees Committee. Approval shall only be granted where the candidate has demonstrated significant medical or exceptional personal circumstances affecting the period which is sought to be repeated.

In determining whether to grant approval regard shall be had to Reg 10 above.

# ASSESSMENT

# Method of Examination

* 1. A candidate shall be examined by means of:

1. a thesis,
2. an oral examination,
3. an assessment of any additional studies prescribed by the candidate’s Academic Unit and notified in writing at the commencement of the prescribed period of study.
   1. The thesis shall be on a subject selected by the candidate and approved by the candidate’s supervisors and Research Degrees Committee
   2. The thesis may not exceed 100,000 words, excluding the Bibliography, but including footnotes and appendices, except with the express permission of the Research Degrees Committee. Applications to exceed the word limit shall be subject to the recommendation of the candidate’s supervisor, the relevant external examiner and the relevant Graduate Research Director. Application shall be made no later than the giving of notice set out in 15.1 below.

# Standards and Criteria for PhDs by thesis

* 1. The thesis **must** be the result of original research, show an awareness of the relationship of the research to a wider field of knowledge and reflect such further Standards and Criteria as approved by the Research Degrees Criteria from time to time.
  2. A candidate may not submit as a thesis, the work for which credits or a qualification of this University or any other institution have been conferred, but shall not be precluded from incorporating such work in a submission which covers a wider, or substantially different field from that of earlier work, provided that the same is indicated clearly in the current submission.

# Submission of the thesis

* 1. A candidate shall give not less than three months’ notice of the expected date of submission of the thesis, and shall, at the same time, confirm the precise title of the thesis along with an abbreviated title which shall not exceed six words.
  2. The candidate shall be responsible for ensuring that an electronic copy of the thesis is received by The Doctoral College within 48 months of commencing the degree if full-time and within 80 months if undertaken part-time.
  3. Submission shall be in such format as prescribed, from time to time, by the Research Degrees Committee. Following award of the degree the candidate shall submit an electronic copy of the thesis which shall be retained by, and be the property of, the University.
  4. A candidate shall be barred from submitting the thesis unless the conditions of Reg 8 above have been satisfied.
  5. In addition to the thesis, the candidate shall submit an electronic copy of a summary of the thesis, which shall not exceed 300 words, and shall be in such format as prescribed, which is subject to change from time to time, by the Research Degrees Committee.

# Thesis extensions

* 1. Full-time candidates, in exceptional circumstances only, unable to submit the thesis within 48 months of commencing the degree if full-time, or within 80 months of commencing the degree if part-time may apply, using the approved application form, to the Research Degrees Committee for an extension to the writing-up period of up to one year for full-time and 24 months for part-time students, provided the application is submitted before the expiry of the deadline stated in this paragraph.
  2. Any grant of extension under 16.1, 16.2 and 16.3 shall be made subject to Regulation 10 and any additional criteria published by the Research Degrees Committee.
  3. Students **must** enroll formally for the ‘extension’ period and pay the continuation fee mentioned in regulation 18.

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| *Tier 4 students are not permitted to stay in the UK beyond the expiry date stated on their visa. Although an extension to studies may be permitted by the University, it may not be appropriate or legally advisable for the student to remain at the University or in the UK to complete their programme of study. Advice regarding whether or not the University will be able to support a further visa application needs to be sought by the Doctoral College, from the Visa Compliance Team, in advance of the case for granting the extension being heard.* |

# Non submission of the thesis

* 1. Where a candidate fails to submit the thesis by the deadline stated in regulation 15.1, or any extended deadline arising from a writing-up period or an extension granted in accordance with 16 above, the Chair of RDC shall determine whether to allow the candidate a resubmission. Where such resubmission is not allowed the programme of study shall be deemed terminated without the requirement for examination of the thesis.

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| * *Note that a candidate whose programme is terminated under this regulation would be barred from subsequently enrolling for the same programme under reg. 12.2.* * *A candidate would be entitled to receive any training credits gained at the point of termination and might be eligible for Certificate or Diploma in Research Training based on the number of credits gained; eligibility would be determined in accordance with the Cert/Dip regulations.* |

# Continuation fees

* 1. Subject to 18.2 a candidate commencing the thesis completion/writing-up period or extension period (Reg. 16) shall be liable to pay a continuation fee as prescribed by Senate and Council and in force at the time of submission.
  2. A candidate shall be barred from submitting the thesis unless all fees due under 19.1 have been paid.

# Appointment of Examiners

* 1. The examination shall be conducted by one external examiner and one internal examiner, both appointed by the Research Degrees Committee on the recommendation of the Head of the relevant Academic Unit. Examination of the thesis shall normally take place within three months of the date of submission.
  2. Where the candidate is a member of staff other than research staff, or has been a member of staff within the last five years, a second external examiner shall also be appointed.
  3. The internal examiner shall not be one of the candidate’s supervisors, other than where approval has been granted by the Research Degrees Committee following a written application by the relevant Head of Academic Unit. RDC shall grant approval only where it determines that exceptional circumstances have been established, and subject to the condition that a second external examiner be appointed.
  4. The examination shall be chaired by a member of academic staff appointed by the Research Degrees Committee in accordance with the University code of practice governing the chairing of research degree by thesis viva voce examinations.
  5. The supervisors shall be entitled to attend the oral examination with the agreement of the examiners and the candidate, but not participate in the examination.

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| *19.1: ‘Normally take place’ – this is dependent on the candidate having given the requisite three months’ notice of submission under reg. 15.1.*  *19.4: University Code of Practice Chairing Research Degree by Thesis Viva Voce Examinations requires that all vivas be independently chaired.* |

# Examiners’ Recommendations

* 1. The examiners **must** make one of the following recommendations:

1. that the candidate be awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.
2. that the candidate be awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy subject to corrections being made to the thesis to the satisfaction of the internal examiner within three months of the date of being informed of the decision of the examiners. The term corrections refers to typographical errors, occasional stylistic or grammatical flaws, corrections to references etc.
3. that the candidate be awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy subject to amendments. The term amendments refers to certain changes of substance in a specific element or elements of the thesis specified by the examiners. These shall not involve a revision of the whole thesis or of a major proportion of it. The changes **must** be made to the thesis to the satisfaction of the internal examiner within six months of the date of being informed of the decision of the examiners.
4. that the thesis be referred subject to such of the following conditions as the examiners may think appropriate:
5. that the candidate be required to attend for a second oral examination
6. that the candidate be permitted to submit, on one occasion only, a revised thesis for a second examination, without further research
7. that the candidate be permitted to submit, on one occasion only, a revised thesis for a second examination, after further research
8. that the thesis is not of the required standard, but the candidate be awarded if the candidate so wishes, the appropriate Masters degree as determined by the examiners.
9. that the thesis is not of the required standard and no award be made to the candidate.
   1. A candidate whose thesis is not of the required standard at either at first or second attempt shall be entitled to receive a written statement from the Examiners of the way in which the work falls short of the requirements to pass.

# Resubmission of the thesis

* 1. Where a candidate is permitted to submit on one further occasion in accordance with 20.1d the candidate shall be responsible for ensuring that two copies of the thesis are received by The Doctoral College office no later than twelve months from the date on which the candidate was notified of the result.
  2. The manner of resubmission shall be as required for first submission by Reg 15 save that resubmission shall be subject to the payment of such resubmission fee as prescribed by Senate and Council and in force at the time.
  3. Where a candidate fails to submit the thesis by the deadline specified in 21.1 the programme of study shall be deemed terminated without the requirement for examination of the thesis.

# Resubmission following award of a Masters

* 1. A candidate who has been awarded a Masters degree under Regulations 20(e) or (f) shall not again submit a thesis for the PhD unless it is on a subject that is significantly different from that of the previous thesis.
  2. The Research Degrees Committee shall be the final arbiter of whether a thesis is significantly different as required in 22.1 informed by the opinions of the relevant Head of Academic Unit, Graduate Research Director and external examiner(s).

# ACADEMIC/PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE

# Academic Misconduct

* 1. Allegations of academic misconduct shall be subject to the Regulations governing Academic Misconduct, and no penalty shall be imposed other than in accordance with the said Regulations.
  2. Candidates shall also abide by the principles of good research practice as defined in the Code of Practice on Research Misconduct. Allegations of research misconduct shall be investigated in accordance with the said code.

# Professional Standards of Conduct (Fitness to Practise)

* 1. For information regarding professional standards of conduct (fitness to practise), please refer to the University Regulations Governing the Investigation and Determination of Concerns about Fitness to Practise.

# RESULTS AND AWARDS

# Notifications of Results and Transcripts

* 1. All candidates shall be entitled to an official transcript on completion provided they are not in debt to the University for the payment of tuition fees.

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| 2 06 | Jane Iddon, Quality Manager, Learning, Enhancement and Academic Practice (LEAP) | Sept 2015, Senate | * Reg 16, Thesis submission, this is now aligned to the prescribed period of study, 3 years for full-time and 5 years for part-time study. * Reg 17 Thesis extension now applies from the end of the prescribed period of study and removes the ‘automatic’ writing-up period. Students must be formally enroled during the ‘writing-up’ period. |
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| 2 01 | Jane Iddon, Quality Manager, Learning, Enhancement and Academic Practice (LEAP) | Nov 2012, Senate | * Reduces the maximum permitted time from the anniversary of initial registration for the PhD from nine years to seven for students who register from the 2012/13 session onwards (reg. 10), * Changes the minimum number of supervision meetings for full-time candidates from nine to twelve (reg. 7(c)). |
| 2 00 | Quality Officer | Aug 2011, Senate | * Clarifies the regulations for members of staff who register for the degree. * Clarifies that a principal supervisor and at least one other supervisor shall be appointed for each candidate. * Clarifies that the procedure to be followed for the termination of a candidate’s programme of study is contained in the University Code of Practice, Research Degrees: Termination of Programme, QH:L04. * Introduces Standards and criteria for research degrees, QH:L5. * Introduces Professional Misconduct and Professional Unsuitability. |
| 1 03 | Quality Officer | Sept 2007, Senate | * Introduces the power for RDC to grant a longer prescribed period of study (up to four years full-time) in special circumstances (reg. 3 (a)(iv)). * Replacing reference to Unfair Means code to reference to Regulations (reg. 6(a)). * Revising the evidential requirements following intercalation on grounds of risk (reg. 10(g)). * Requirement for independent chair of vivas as specified in the code of practice – see QH:L6 (reg. 16(d)). * Introduces a new category of pass with amendments as being something between minor corrections and referral (reg. 17(b)(c)(d)). * Permits the examiners to require a further oral examination following resubmission (reg. 17(d)). * Replacing references to Graduate Research Committee with Research Degrees Committee. |
| 1 02 | Quality Officer |  | Version 1 02 corrects a drafting error in version 1 01. |
| 1 01 | Quality Officer | Sept 2006, Senate | Reduced the automatic writing up period for full-time students to 3 months, and for part-time students to six months (but with a five year, rather than four-year, prescribed period of study) – regs. 4(a), 17(a)(b). |
| 1 00 | Quality Officer | Sept 2004, Senate | New. These regulations govern those degrees classified by the Graduate Research Committee as PhD by thesis. They should be distinguished from New Route PhDs which are governed by chapter XI. |