

External Research Degrees Committee

Terms of Reference and Constitution

Governance reporting line: Reports to Academic Quality and Standards Committee

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1. Origin

The External Research Degrees was implemented by the Academic Quality and Standards Committee (AQSC) to oversee the regulatory and quality assurance framework for approved accreditation/affiliation arrangements for research degrees.

2. Purpose

- To advise the AQSC on the regulatory and quality assurance framework for approved accreditation/affiliation arrangements for external research degrees, taking due account of external reference points such as the UK Quality Code for Higher Education.
- The Chair is responsible for ensuring that any equality impacts against each project/policy/process/procedure have been considered as part of the decision-making process.

3. Responsibilities and activity

- To make decisions on the admission, candidature, progress and examination of all candidates for research degrees in the Accredited Institutions, within the academic areas approved for this purpose by the University.

- To assure attainment of our academic standards and an equivalent student experience of candidates through appropriate quality assurance procedures in accordance with the University's regulations and Code of Practice for Research Degree Candidature and Supervision which govern such candidature.
- To report to the AQSC on (i) and (ii) above, and on related issues.

4. Reporting arrangements

The External Research Degrees Committee reports to the AQSC.

5. Constitution

In December 2018 Senate agreed that the External Research Degrees Committee would be held in abeyance.

6. Quorum and frequency

6.1 Quorum

The External Research Degrees Committee will be quorate with 50% of the membership in attendance.

6.2 Frequency of meetings

The Committee is currently in abeyance.

7. Resources

The Committee is currently in abeyance.

8. Terms of Reference review

Date of last review: October 2022

Date of next review: October 2023