

Medical Sciences Divisional Board

Approved: Deborah Gill on behalf of MSD Graduate School Committee (12/07/2016)

Title of Programme: Research Degrees in the Medical Sciences Division

Brief note about nature of change: Insertion of the Divisional requirement for candidates for transfer of status to complete a Training Needs Analysis.

Removal of a duplicate sentence.

Effective date

- **For students starting from 1 October 2016**

Location of change

In *Examination regulations 2015-16*, (<http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2015-16/rditmedisciedivi/>) Research Degrees in the Medical Sciences Division, 4. ADMISSION OF STUDENTS TO THE STATUS OF STUDENT FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Detail of change

1. In *Examination regulations 2016-17*, (<http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2015-16/rditmedisciedivi/>) Research Degrees in the Medical Sciences Division, 4. ADMISSION OF STUDENTS TO THE STATUS OF STUDENT FOR THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY, citation reference 1.12, amend the clause as follows:

Candidates should submit the statement from the supervisor and the statement from the candidate's society as specified by the regulations governing the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. All candidates must include a completed Training Needs Analysis detailing the skills training that they have undertaken and planned. In addition, candidates, with the exception of those on the Doctor of Philosophy in Experimental Psychology, should submit a report of no more than 3,000 words which should include an abstract, introduction, results, discussion and future plans including a proposed timetable for completion. Students may add appendices as necessary of up to a further 2,000 words including methods, figure legends, and references. Candidates on the Doctor of Philosophy in Experimental Psychology should submit a report of no more than 6,000 words which should include an abstract, introduction, results, discussion and future plans including a proposed timetable for completion. Students may add appendices as necessary of up to a further 2,000 words including methods, figure legends, and references. Further guidance on the form of report should be sought

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Explanatory Notes

In light of the growing desire from various parties, including RCUK, VITAE and the Postgraduate , for students to assess their training needs and map their development against a series of defined qualities, it was agreed by the Medical Sciences GSC (30/04/15), on behalf of the Medical Sciences Board, that PGR students, in consultation with their supervisors:

- be required to complete a Training Needs Analysis (TNA) form during Term 1 and again as part of their Transfer and Confirmation of Status
- be recommended to complete a TNA at least once a year.

To conclude, research students who commence a course of study from 1 October 2016 will be required to complete a TNA during Term 1, as part of their Transfer of Status, and as part of their Confirmation of Status.