

[1516-27-TPR]

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.

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, 3. ADMISSION OF STUDENTS TO THE STATUS OF STUDENT FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE BY RESEARCH

Detail of change

1. In *Examination Regulations 2015-16*, (<http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2015-16/rditmedisciedivi/>) Research Degrees in the Medical Sciences Division, 3. ADMISSION OF STUDENTS TO THE STATUS OF STUDENT FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE BY RESEARCH, citation reference 1.11, 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 Master of Science by Research. All candidates must include a completed Training Needs Analysis detailing the skills training that they have undertaken and planned. In addition, candidates should submit an outline of their project of no more than 500 words and a timetable for completion. Candidates will be required to give a presentation on their work. Further guidance on the form of the written submission and the form of the presentation should be sought from the departmental Director of Graduate Studies.

Explanatory Notes

In light of the growing desire from various parties, including RCUK, VITAE and the University Skills Group, 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, as part of Transfer of Status and also as part of Confirmation of Status (as needed).
- 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, for DPhil students, as part of their Confirmation of Status.