Changes to *Examination Regulations 2011*

Medical Sciences Board

**Approved:** 02/06/2011 by Medical Sciences Board and 17/04/2012 on behalf of Education Committee

**Title of Programme:** M.Sc. by Research and D.Phil. in the Medical Sciences Division

**Brief note about nature of change:**

Special regulations to enable the Medical Sciences Divisional Board to grant permission for a student to work in a well-founded laboratory outside of Oxford.

**Effective date:** With immediate effect

**Location of change:** *Examination Regulations 2011*

**Details of change:**

1. In *Examination Regulations*, 2011, p. 888, after l. 19, insert:

   **‘5. PERMISSION TO WORK IN A WELL-FOUND LABORATORY OUTSIDE OF OXFORD**

   Applicants who are admitted to undertake research under the supervision of the Medical Sciences Divisional Board may, exceptionally, be permitted by the Divisional Board to undertake their research in a well-found laboratory outside of Oxford. Such candidates shall be dispensed from the residence requirements, but shall be required to attend Oxford for such instruction as the Division and department concerned shall require. Before admitting a candidate on this basis, the department concerned shall be required to satisfy itself and the Divisional Board that appropriate arrangements are in place for approving all aspects of the student's academic work, including the following:

   (i) the availability of the equipment and facilities necessary for the project in the agency concerned;

   (ii) the existence of a wider collaboration between the department and the agency in which the student is based;

   (iii) the subject of their doctoral studies;

   (iv) satisfactory induction procedures;
(v) satisfactory health and safety arrangements;

(vi) satisfactory supervision arrangements, to include specification of a minimum number of contact hours between student and supervisor, which shall include not less than two face-to-face meetings between student and supervisor, for a total of at least 8 hours, each term;

(vii) satisfactory arrangements for monitoring the student's progress within the department;

(viii) provision for the student to attend Oxford for such instruction as the division and department shall require.'

2. Ibid., pp. 888-889, re-number existing cl. 5-7 as cl. 6-8 respectively.

3. Ibid., p. 899, l. 41, re-number existing cl. 8 as cl. 9.

Explanatory Notes

Research students may, exceptionally, be permitted to undertake their research in a well-found laboratory outside Oxford. Such candidates are not required to keep statutory residence, but must attend for such instruction as the relevant divisional board requires. However, permission must be sought and approved, on a case-by-case basis, by both the University’s Education Committee and the Divisional Board.

The regulation change detailed above removes the requirement for the Medical Sciences Division to refer to Education Committee each application to work in a well-found laboratory outside of Oxford.