

Mathematical Physical and Life Sciences Division**Approved by GPC 15/02/15****Doctoral Training Programmes in MPLS****Brief note about nature of change:**

As part of some wider considerations about progression and submission in MPLS the Division has agreed that for all of our 1+3 CDT programmes - where the '1' is a terminal Masters- the three year DPhil part will follow the same timescales as a standard DPhil rather than as the second year of a four-year CDT.

Effective date

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Location of changeIn *Examination Regulations 2014*

Detail of change

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(a) The regulations in cl. 2, 3 and 4 shall apply to all research students registered on the following doctoral training programmes, irrespective of the division or department they are based within for their research project:

- (i) Centres for Doctoral Training in: Autonomous Intelligent Machines and Systems; Biomedical Imaging, Cyber Security; Healthcare Innovation; Industrially Focused Mathematical Modelling; Oil and Gas; Partial Differential Equations: Analysis and Applications; Renewable Energy Marine Structures; Science and Application of Plastic Electronic Materials; Science and Technology of Fusion Energy; Statistical Science; Systems Approaches to Biomedical Science; Synthesis for Biology and Medicine; and Synthetic Biology;
- (ii) Doctoral Training Centres in: Life Sciences Interface; and Systems Biology;
- (iii) Doctoral Training Partnership in Environmental Research;
- (iv) Doctoral Training Partnership in Interdisciplinary Bioscience;
- (v) Students for the DPhil in Cardiovascular Medicinal Chemistry.

The programmes listed in (i), (ii) and (v) shall be under the supervision of the Board

of the Mathematical, Physical, and Life Sciences Division.

The programmes listed in (iii) shall be under the joint supervision of the Boards of the Mathematical, Physical, and Life Sciences Division, and the Social Sciences Division. They shall appoint a Management Board to run the programme.

The programme listed in (iv) shall be under the joint supervision of the Boards of the Mathematical, Physical, and Life Sciences Division, and the Medical Sciences Division. They shall appoint a Management Board to run the programme.

(b) The regulations in in cl. 2, 3 and 4 shall not apply to the doctoral training programmes listed below. Students shall be registered for the first year of their programme as follows:

(i) Centre for Doctoral Training in Gas Turbine Aerodynamics: students shall be registered for the first year of this programme at the University of Cambridge,

(ii) Centre for Doctoral Training in Science and Application of Plastic Electronic Materials: students shall be registered for the first year of this programme at the Imperial College of Science and Technology,

(iii) Centre for Doctoral Training in Diamond Science and Technology: students shall be registered for the first year of this programme at the University of Warwick,

(iv) Centre for Doctoral Training in Theory and Modelling in Chemical Sciences shall be registered for the first year of this programme on the MSc in Theoretical and Computational Chemistry. These programmes shall be under the supervision of the Board of the Mathematical, Physical, and Life Sciences Division.

Students on the programmes listed in b (i) - (iii) must pass the postgraduate taught course that they are registered on for the first year in order to be admitted to the status of Probationer Research Student. Students on the programme listed in a (iv) must meet the conditions specified in the regulations for the MSc in Theoretical and Computational Chemistry in order to be admitted to the status of Probationer Research Student. Students listed in b (i) to (iv) who are admitted to the status of Probationer Research Student may hold that status for up to four terms. The General Regulations Governing Research Degrees and the regulations for Research Degrees in Physical Sciences shall then apply.

2. Probationer Research Student Status

- (a) Students admitted to the doctoral programmes listed in (1) shall hold the status of Probationer Research Student for a maximum of six terms

(c) Students admitted by The University of Warwick to the Centre for Doctoral Training in Statistical Science, and students admitted by the University of Bristol or the University of Warwick to the Centre for Doctoral Training in Synthetic Biology, and students admitted by the University of Nottingham to the Centre for Doctoral Training in Biomedical Imaging shall be matriculated and hold the status of Probationer Research Student Status at the University of Oxford for the first three terms of their doctoral training programme.

(d) A Probationer Research Student on a doctoral training programme listed in (1)(a) shall apply for admission to D.Phil. status normally before the end of the fifth

term, and no later than the eighth week of the sixth term.

(e) A Probationer Research Student registered on the Centre for Doctoral Training in Renewable Energy Marine Structures programme may choose to apply for admission to either the degree of Doctor of Engineering or the degree of Doctoral of Philosophy. A Student must choose which degree to apply for no later than the end of the third full-term. The Regulations below apply to students seeking to apply for and supplicate for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. For students seeking to apply for the degree of Doctor of Engineering, the Regulations for the Doctor of Engineering shall apply.

(f) The Education Committee regulations applying to a Probationer Research Student on a doctoral training programme that govern applications for transfer from Probationer Research Student Status are set out under General Regulations Governing Research Degrees §4 cl.6; and extensions to the maximum number of terms specified above are set out under General Regulations Governing Research Degrees §4 cl.7.

(g) A Probationer Research Student on a doctoral training programme shall cease to hold such status in accordance with General Regulations Governing Research Degrees §4.10 (i)-(iii).

(h) The board may grant a student suspension from the Register of those admitted to the status of Probationer Research Student or deprive a student of his or her status; and in such cases it shall at all times follow procedures determined by the Education Committee by regulation. The board may also reinstate a student to the Register, provided that the total number of terms a Student has spent as a Probationer Research Student has not exceeded eight terms in the case of a Student on a doctoral training programme listed in (1)(a).

3. Confirmation of Status as a Student for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy

A candidate on a doctoral training programme listed in 1(a) who has been admitted to the status of Student for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy must apply to the board for confirmation of his or her status as a D.Phil. Student no later than the eighth week of the tenth term after admission as a research student; and not normally earlier than the ninth term after that in which he or she was initially admitted to the status of a Probationer Research Student or to the status of a student for another higher degree of the University.

A Student for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy on a doctoral training programme listed in 1(a) shall cease to hold such status unless it has been confirmed within ten terms of his or her admission to Probationer Research Student status.

4. Other requirements for students for the Degree of Philosophy following a doctoral training programme

A full-time Student for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy following a doctoral training programme may hold that status for twelve terms from admission to Probationer Research Student status.

Explanatory Notes

Amendment to the timescales for examination and other arrangements for 1+3 Doctoral Programmes.