Board of Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences Division

Approved at the meeting of MPLS Academic Audit Committee, 18 February 2014

Title of Programme
Doctoral training programmes (MPLS)

Brief note about nature of change: Addition of two new doctoral training programmes to the list of doctoral training programmes under the supervision of MPLS.

Effective date
1 October 2014

Location of change
A second set of changes to the changes already published to 18. B. 7, currently located in Examination Regulations 2013 p.907 line 16 – p. 908 line 50

Detail of change
See below for location of each change.

Explanatory Notes
Significant changes to the regulations for MPLS doctoral training programmes were published on 20 March 2014 (http://www.ox.ac.uk/gazette/2013-2014/20march2014-no5055/examinationsandboards/#148780). These changes were made to accommodate a significant number of new programmes that had been secured with funding from the research councils for Centres for Doctoral Training (CDTs) and Doctoral Training Partnerships (DTPs).

Following the publication of those regulation changes, the University secured funding for two additional Centres for Doctoral Training

i) Biomedical Imaging
ii) Renewable Energy Marine Structures (with Cranfield University).

The changes below add in these two new CDTs, and make minor corrections to earlier errors.
7. DOCTORAL TRAINING PROGRAMMES

1. Programmes covered by these regulations

These regulations shall apply to all research students registered on the following 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; Diamond Science and Technology; Gas Turbine Aerodynamics; Healthcare Innovation; Industrially Focused Mathematical Modelling; New and Sustainable Photovoltaics; 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; Synthetic Biology; and Theory and Modelling in Chemical Sciences;

(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.

The programmes listed in (i) and (ii) 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.

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, with the exception of students admitted on the programmes listed in (i) –(iv) below who shall hold the status of Probationer Research Student for a maximum of three terms after successful completion of the first year of their programme:

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

(ii) 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) Diamond Science and Technology: students shall be registered for the first year of this programme at the University of Warwick,

(iv) Theory and Modelling in Chemical Sciences: students shall be registered for the first year of this programme on the MSc in Theoretical and Computational Chemistry.
(b) Students on the programmes listed in (i) - (iii) must pass the postgraduate taught course that they are registered on for the first year in order to progress onto the second year of the doctoral training programme. Students on the programme listed in (iv) must meet the conditions specified in the regulations for the MSc in Theoretical and Computational Chemistry in order to progress onto the second year of the doctoral training programme.

(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) 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; with the exception of students admitted on the programmes listed in (a) (i) –(iv), who shall apply for admission to D.Phil. status normally before the end of the second term, and no later than the end of eighth week of the third term, in the year following the first year of their programme.

(e) 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 13. §4 cl.6; and extensions to the maximum number of terms specified above are set out under 13. §4 cl.7.

(f) A Probationer Research Student on a doctoral training programme shall cease to hold such status in accordance with 13. §4.10 (i)-(iii).

(g) 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 the doctoral training programme; with the exception of students admitted on the programmes listed in (a) (i) –(iv), where the limit shall be five terms.

3. Confirmation of Status as a Student for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy A candidate on a doctoral training programme 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 before the end of the ninth full-term after admission as a research student; and not normally earlier than the eighth 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. Students admitted on the programmes listed in 2 (a) (i) – (iv) must apply to the board for confirmation of his or her status as a D.Phil. Student before the end of the sixth full-term after admission as a Probationer Research Student, and not normally earlier than the fifth term.

A Student for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy shall cease to hold such status unless it has been confirmed within nine terms of his or her admission to Probationer Research Student status, with the exception of Students admitted on the programmes listed in 2 (a) (i) – (iv), who shall cease to hold such status unless it has been confirmed within six terms of his or her admission to that status, in accordance with 16. §4 cl.5.
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, or nine terms from admission to Probationer Research Student status for students on the programmes listed in clause 2 (a) (i) – (iv).