Regulations for Admission as a Probationer Research Student

Changes to the general regulations governing research degrees consequent upon the introduction of new doctoral training programmes in MPLS

With effect from 1 October 2014

In Examination Regulations 2013, also as changed by Gazette 24 April 2014 (General Regulations of the Education Committee governing research degrees)

1. Delete p. 820, l. 38 – p.821, l.11

2. P.821, l.12 – p.822, l.35 delete and insert as indicated below:

5. A full-time student (other than students registered on a Doctoral Training Centre Programme or the Doctoral Training Partnership Programme under §4, cl. 9 to whom cl.9 and 10 in this section apply) may hold the status of Probationer Research Student for up to four terms and a part-time student for up to eight terms, including the term in which he or she was admitted.

6. A candidate whose first application for transfer to D.Phil. status is not approved shall be permitted to make one further application, following the procedures laid down in clauses 1-4 above, and shall be granted an extension of time for one term if this is necessary for the purposes of making the application.

7. Subject to the approval of the responsible divisional board or the CE Board as appropriate, and for good cause, a full-time student may be permitted to hold the status of PRS (prior to the first application for transfer of status) for a further one or two terms, and a part-time student for a further one to four terms. A first application for transfer of status must take place within the six term limit of PRS status. Any application outside those limits (other than in clause 6 above) must be approved by or on behalf of Education Committee.

8. A Probationer Research Student (other than students registered on a Doctoral Training Centre Programme or the Doctoral Training Partnership Programme under §4, cl. 9 to whom cl.9 and 10 in this section apply) shall cease to hold such status if:

(i) (a) he or she shall not have gained admission to another status within four terms of admission as a full-time student to the status of Probationer Research Student, or within eight terms for a part-time student, and

(b) he or she has not been given approval under clause 6 above to hold Probationer Research Student status for a further one or two terms as a full-time student or one to four terms as a part-time student;
(ii) he or she has failed to gain admission to either doctoral status or to the status of the applicable lower degree after the two transfer applications allowed under clause 7 above;

(iii) the board concerned shall in accordance with provisions set down in chapter 16, section 5, and after consultation with the student’s college and supervisor, have deprived the student of such status.

9. For a full-time Probationer Research Student registered on a Doctoral Training Centre Programme or the Doctoral Training Partnership Programme listed in the special regulations for the Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences and the Medical Sciences Divisions, sections 17 B 7 or 17 C 9, the maximum number of terms for which he or she may hold that status is as specified in the special regulations governing students on the Doctoral Training Centre Programmes or the Doctoral Training Partnership Programme in the Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences and the Medical Sciences Divisions.

10. A Probationer Research Student registered on a Doctoral Training Centre Programme or the Doctoral Training Partnership Programme listed in the special regulations for the Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences and the Medical Sciences Divisions, sections 17 B 7 or 17 C 9, shall cease to hold such status if:

(i) (a) he or she shall not have gained admission to another status within the number of terms specified in the special regulations governing Probationer Research Students on the Doctoral Training Centre Programmes or the Doctoral Training Partnership Programme in the Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences and the Medical Sciences Divisions and

(b) he or she has not been given approval as specified in the special regulations or under clause 7 above to hold Probationer Research Student status for a further one or two terms as a full-time student or one to four terms as a part-time student;

(ii) he or she has failed to gain admission to either doctoral status or to the status of the applicable lower degree after the two transfer applications allowed under clause 7 above;

(iii) the board concerned shall in accordance with provisions set down in chapter 17, section 5 § 2, 2 above, and after consultation with the student’s college and supervisor, have deprived the student of such status.

Explanatory Notes

The first change removes old regulations applying to students who registered as research students prior to 1 October 2011. The remaining changes are consequent upon the introduction of new doctoral training programmes in MPLS.