General regulations for research degrees

In conjunction with the introduction of new general regulations for graduate taught courses, this change amends the existing regulations for the ‘Register of Graduate Students’ to make the content specific to research students.

Effective date: With effect from 1 October 2014

Location of change

Examination Regulations 2013

Detail of change

This change follows the amendments to these regulations published in the Gazette on 24 April 2014 which reordered the general regulations for research degrees.

In Examination Regulations 2013, p. 817-822, change text as shown.

§1. [Until 1 October 2014: Status of Probationer Research Student] [From 1 October 2014: Probationer Research Students]

§2. 1. Admission of Candidates as Probationer Research Students

§3. 2. Supervision of Probationer Research Students

§4. 3. Residence and other Requirements of Probationer Research Students

§5. §2. Register of Graduate Research Students

1. Suspension of Graduate Research Students from the Register
1. If, for good cause, a student is temporarily unable to carry out his or her research or coursework, the board concerned may grant him or her a request for a temporary suspension of status, for not less than one and not more than three terms at any one time. Applications for suspension of status should be made to the board concerned, c/o the relevant Graduate Studies Assistant; and should be accompanied by statements of support from a student's supervisor and society. No student may be granted more than six terms' suspension of status in this way by a board.

2. A board may for sufficient reason, and after consultation with the student's supervisor and college, temporarily suspend him or her from the Register on its own initiative.

2. Removal of Graduate Research Students from the Register

2. A board shall not be required to follow the procedures for the removal of a graduate research student from the Register where a student ceases to hold the status of a student for a degree through failure to meet the requirements laid down in the decrees and regulations governing that degree. In particular where a student fails to achieve transfer within the prescribed time his or her status automatically lapses, and his or her name is removed from the Register.

3. Reinstatement of Graduate Research Students to the Register

A student who has lapsed from the Register or has withdrawn or whose name has been removed from the Register by the board concerned may apply for reinstatement to his or her former status on the Register. Such applications shall be addressed by the student to the board concerned, and shall be accompanied by written statements commenting on the application from the candidate's college and former supervisor. The board shall reach a decision on such applications and shall determine the date from which any reinstatement granted under these provisions shall be effective. No reinstatement may be granted under these provisions if the student's name has been on the Register of students of the relevant status for the maximum number of terms allowed under the decree governing that status.

§ 6. § 3. Regulations concerning the Examination of Graduate Research Students