

## Research Degrees Panel of Education Committee

Approved at the meeting of Research Degrees Panel on 11 June 2019

### General Regulations Governing Research Degrees

**Brief note about nature of change:** introduction of time limit for reinstatement

#### Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2018*, <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2018-19/grgoveresedegr/> as amended by the Gazette notice of 25 July 2019.

#### Effective date

From MT 2019

#### Detail of change

Amend section 2 (cit. ref. 1.15) and section 5 (cit. ref. 1.71) as indicated, new text underlined, deleted text struck through.

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

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7. A board may grant a student suspension from the Register or deprive a student of his ~~or her~~ their status; and in such cases it shall at all times follow procedures determined by the Education Committee by regulation. ~~Exceptionally a 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 five terms in the case of a full-time student, or ten terms in the case of a part-time student.~~

8. Exceptionally, it shall be open to a candidate whose name has been removed from the Register of Students to apply to the Board for reinstatement to the Register as a Probationer Research Student. The application should have the support of their society and supervisor, and such reinstatement fee as may from time to time be prescribed by Council should be paid. Permission for reinstatement to the Register of Students may be granted by the Board provided that:

(i) no more than twenty-four months have passed since the student's name was removed from the Register; and

(ii) the number of terms the candidate spent with the status of a Probationer Research Student did not exceed five terms in the case of a full-time student, or ten terms in the case of a part-time student.

9. In exceptional circumstances, a candidate who is not able to apply for reinstatement within the provisions above may make an application to Council's Education Committee for reinstatement to the Register of Students as a Probationer Research Student. Such candidates must meet the requirements for reinstatement by the Board and in addition must provide a statement explaining why it is reasonable for Education Committee to permit their reinstatement and outlining the circumstances that have prevented earlier submission. For such applications, Education Committee will consider the length of time since the candidate's name was on the Register of Students, the seriousness of the causes for the delay, and the views of the student's department/faculty, supervisor and college.

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## **§5. Register of Graduate Students**

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### **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.~~

1. It shall be open to a candidate whose name has been removed from the Register of Students to apply to the Board for reinstatement to their former status on the Register. The application should have the support of their society and supervisor, and such reinstatement fee as may from time to time be prescribed by Council should be paid. Permission for reinstatement to the Register of Students may be granted by the Board provided that:

(i) no more than twenty-four months have passed since the student's name was removed from the Register; and

(ii) the number of terms the candidate spent on the Register of Students did not exceed the maximum number of terms allowed under the regulations governing that status.

The board shall determine the date from which any reinstatement granted under these

provisions shall be effective.

2. Exceptionally, a candidate who is not able to apply for reinstatement within the provisions above may make an application to Council's Education Committee for reinstatement to the Register of Students. Such candidates must meet the requirements for reinstatement by the Board and in addition must provide a statement explaining why it is reasonable for Education Committee to permit their reinstatement and outlining the circumstances that have prevented earlier submission. For such applications, Education Committee will consider the length of time since the candidate's name was on the Register of Students, the seriousness of the causes for the delay, and the views of the candidate's department/faculty, supervisor and college.

### **Explanatory Notes**

At its meeting in Trinity term 2019, Research Degrees Panel agreed that there should be a time limit for boards to consider requests for reinstatement to a previously held research degree status. Requests received after the time limit will be considered by Education Committee. These regulation changes bring into effect that decision.