

Research Degrees Panel of Education Committee

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

Regulations for the Medical Sciences Doctoral Training Centre

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/msdoctracent/>

Effective date

From MT 2019

Detail of change

Amend clause 2 (cit. ref. 1.13) as indicated, new text underlined, deleted text struck through.

2. Register of Probationer Research Students

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 six terms in the case of a student on a four-year Medical Sciences Doctoral Training Centre programme.~~

It shall be open to a candidate whose name has been removed from the Register 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 six terms in the case of a student on a four-year Medical Sciences Doctoral Training Centre programme.

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 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, 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.