Title of Programme
Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in the Centre for Doctoral Training in Healthcare Innovation; Doctoral Training Centre at the Life Sciences Interface; Doctoral Training Centre in Systems Biology; Industrial Doctorate Centre in Systems Approaches to Biomedical Sciences

Brief note about nature of change: Make changes to the timetable for transfer of status, confirmation of status, and submission, for the DTCs in the MPLS Division.

Effective date
With effect from 1 October 2011 (for candidates embarking as Probationary Research Students in or after October 2011)

Location of change
In Examination Regulations 2010

Detail of change
1. Delete from p.893, l.43 – p. 894, l.22, and substitute:

"3. Probationer Research Student Status
The regulations governing Probationer Research Student Status set out in the Regulations of the Education Committee, §4, apply to those holding the status of Probationer Research Students in the Doctoral Training Centres.

The maximum number of terms that a student on a four-year Doctoral Training Centre Programme may hold the status of Probationer Research Student under §4 cl.9 and §4 cl.10 (i)(a) is six terms, including the term in which the student was admitted. A Probationer Research Student on a Doctoral Training Centre Programme shall normally apply for admission to D.Phil. status after a minimum of five terms and no longer than six terms.

The Education Committee regulations applying to a Probationer Research Student on a
Doctoral Training Centre Programme that govern applications for transfer from Probationer Research Student Status are set out under §4 cl.6; and extensions to the maximum number of terms specified above are set out under §4 cl.7.

A Probationer Research Student on a Doctoral Training Centre Programme shall cease to hold such status in accordance with the Education Committee regulations under §4.10 (i)-(iii).

4. Confirmation of Status as a Student for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy
A candidate on a Doctoral Training Centre 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 by 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. 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 that status, in accordance with §4 cl.5."

2. Ibid, p.894, l.26, delete “fifteen” and substitute "twelve".

3. Ibid, l.26, delete “six” and substitute "nine".

4. Ibid, l.44, delete “fifteen” and substitute "twelve".

Explanatory Notes

Following a review of DTCs, and changes to the Education Committee regulations governing the timing of transfer of status, these regulations change the timetable for transfer of status, confirmation of status, and submission, for the DTCs in the MPLS Division. They reduce the time to submission from fifteen terms to twelve, and increase the maximum number of terms of extension permitted from six to nine; reduce the maximum number of terms for which PRS status may be held from eight to six terms, but with up to two terms of extension permitted for good cause; and reduce the time limit for confirmation of status from ten terms to nine.