General Regulations for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy

Brief note about nature of change: Change so that students are not permitted to take the Confirmation of Status examination until they have completed research integrity training.

Location of change

In Examination Regulations 2020, https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=grfdodoctofphil

Effective date

For all students from Michaelmas term 2021 onwards

Detail of change

Amend section §4 (cit. ref. 1.32-1.34) as indicated, new text underlined, deleted text struck through.

2. Candidates applying for confirmation of their status shall submit their application to the board concerned, through the Registrar; and such applications shall be accompanied by:

(i) a statement from the supervisor containing their view of the candidate's progress towards confirmation of status. A supervisor may delay an early application in the interests of the student, but must enable students to apply for their assessment within the prescribed time limits;

(ii) a statement of support for the application from the candidate's society;

(iii) a statement confirming that the student has successfully completed any required research integrity training.
At its meeting in Michaelmas term 2020, Research Degrees Panel agreed that completion of research integrity training before applying for Confirmation of Status should be an absolute requirement (it would be expected before applying for Transfer of Status). This followed a decision of Research and Innovation Committee in Hilary term 2020 that introductory research integrity training should be mandatory for all University researchers, including research degree students.

At its meeting in Trinity term 2021, Research Degrees Panel approved the necessary regulation change to require that research integrity training is completed before applying for Confirmation of Status.