

Education Committee

Approved by Research Degrees Panel at the meeting of 10th June 2022

General Regulations governing Research Degrees.

Brief note about nature of change: provision for electronic deposit of research degree theses rather than hard copy

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2021*

<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=grgoveresedegr>

Effective date

For all PGR students, starting from MT 2022

Detail of change

From citation reference 1.114. Deleted text struck through, new text underlined.

2. Preparation and submission of theses for the Degrees of M.Litt., M.Sc. by Research, and D.Phil.

[...] **1.114** (v) *Library copies: binding and presentation*

Once the board has granted a candidate leave to supplicate, they must submit a **an electronic version of their** finalised copy of the thesis, as approved by the examiners, to the **Oxford Research Archive** Examination Schools for deposit in the relevant university library. ~~The candidate must also submit an electronic copy of this finalised thesis to the Oxford Research Archive.~~ These should incorporate any

corrections or amendments which the examiners may have requested of the candidate. The examiners must confirm in writing in their report to the board that any corrections required have been made. No corrections, changes or additions of any kind shall be made to the thesis after the board has granted a candidate leave to supplicate.

~~The library copy of the thesis must be in a permanently fixed binding, drilled and sewn, in a stiff board case in library buckram, in a dark colour, and lettered on the spine with the candidate's name and initials, the degree, and the year of submission.~~

Fine Art candidates offering studio practice as part of their submission must submit the written portion of their thesis **electronically using the Oxford Research Archive** together with documentation in appropriate form of their exhibition or portfolio of works. ~~Wherever possible, this documentation should be bound with the written portion of the thesis.~~

Candidates should note that leave to supplicate is conditional upon receipt by ~~Student Registry of the library copy of the thesis and receipt~~ by the Oxford Research Archive of the electronic copy of this finalised thesis no later than by the end of the fifth day before the date of the degree ceremony booked by the candidate for conferral of their degree. Candidates may not proceed to take their degree until they have fulfilled this requirement.

Students who have been granted dispensation from consultation of their entire thesis (see vi below) should, in addition to the finalised copy of the thesis submitted to the Oxford Research Archive, submit a finalised hard-copy of their thesis to the university by the means advertised on the university website for deposit in the relevant university library.

Explanatory Notes

As agreed by the Research Degrees Panel, this change makes permanent the change from hard copy deposit of research degree theses to electronic deposit of research degree theses to the Bodleian which was originally introduced as a response to the pandemic