

Mathematical, Physical, and Life Sciences Division, and Medical Sciences Division

Approved by Chairman's action, 5 October 2011

Title of Programme

Special regulations of the Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences Division and Medical Sciences Division establishing the Oxford Interdisciplinary Bioscience Doctoral Training Partnership.

Brief note about nature of change: Establish a new DPhil programme in association with the bid to the BBSRC for a Doctoral Training Partnership.

Effective date

With effect from 1 October 2012

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations* 2011

Detail of change

1. p.801, I.19, after 'Doctoral Training Centre Programme', insert 'or the Doctoral Training Partnership Programme'
2. *ibid*, II.38-9, after 'Doctoral Training Centre Programme', insert 'or the Doctoral Training Partnership Programme'
3. p.802, I.15, after 'Doctoral Training Centre Programme', insert 'or the Doctoral Training Partnership Programme'
4. *ibid*, II.17-8, after 'Doctoral Training Centre Programmes', insert 'or the Doctoral Training Partnership Programme'
5. *ibid*, II.20-1, after 'Doctoral Training Centre Programmes', insert 'or the Doctoral Training Partnership Programme'
6. *ibid*, I.25, after 'Doctoral Training Centre Programmes', insert 'or the Doctoral Training

Partnership Programme'

7. p. 885, after I.23, insert:

"7. DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN THE OXFORD INTERDISCIPLINARY BIOSCIENCE DOCTORAL TRAINING PARTNERSHIP.

1. *General regulations*

The Oxford Interdisciplinary Bioscience Doctoral Training Partnership shall be under the joint supervision of the Boards of the Mathematical, Physical, and Life Sciences Division, and the Medical Sciences Division, which shall appoint a Management Board to run the programme. In these regulations, the above named doctoral training programme is described as the Doctoral Training Partnership Programme.

2. These regulations shall apply to all research students registered on the Oxford Interdisciplinary Bioscience Doctoral Training Partnership Programme, irrespective of the division or department they are based within for their research project.

The provisions of the following regulations shall apply, except as specifically provided below: Regulations for Admission as a Probationer Research Student; Regulations for the Degree of Master of Science by Research, Regulations for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (§1-7); General Regulations of the Education Committee governing the examination of students for the degrees of M.Sc. by Research, M.Litt. and D.Phil., and concerning the maintenance of the register of graduate students; and the Special Regulations of Divisional and Faculty Boards concerning the status of Probationer Research Student and the degrees of M.Litt., M.Sc. by Research, and D.Phil. Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences Division; and Medical Sciences Division, depending on the department and division in which the student carries out their research. For the purposes of these regulations 'Board' shall mean the Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences Divisional Board, or the Medical Sciences Divisional Board, depending on the department and division in which the student carries out their research.

3. *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 seven terms in the case of a student on the Doctoral Training Partnership Programme.

4. *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 Partnership Programme. The particular clauses in those regulations that apply to students in Doctoral Training Centres shall apply equally to students in the Doctoral Training Partnership Programme.

The maximum number of terms that a student on the four-year Doctoral Training Partnership 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 the Doctoral Training Partnership 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 the Doctoral Training Partnership 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 the Doctoral Training Partnership Programme shall cease to hold such status in accordance with the Education Committee regulations under §4.10 (i)-(iii).

5. Confirmation of Status as a Student for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy A candidate on a Doctoral Training Partnership 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.

6. Other requirements for students for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy following the Doctoral Training Partnership Programme. A full-time Student for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy following the Doctoral Training Partnership Programme may hold that status for twelve terms. If such a student has been prevented by exceptional circumstances from completing his or her thesis, the board shall have power to grant and extension of time for a period or periods, not exceeding nine terms in all, to be determined by the board. Applications for such extension of time shall be made through the Academic Registrar and Secretary of Faculties not later than the term in which the student is due to apply for permission to supplicate. A Student for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy following the Doctoral Training Partnership Programme shall cease to hold that status if:

(i) he or she shall have been refused permission to supplicate for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy; or

(ii) the board concerned shall in accordance with the Regulations for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy, Part A., §2, cl. 3, and with the provisions set down by regulation by the Education Committee and after consultation with the student's college and supervisor, have deprived the student of that status;

(iii) he or she shall have been transferred under the relevant provision to another status;

(iv) he or she shall have failed to complete his or her thesis within twelve terms or within

such further extension of time as may have been granted by the board concerned."

2. *ibid*, l.24, renumber "8" as "9".

Explanatory Notes

These regulations establish a new DPhil programme in association with the bid to the BBSRC for funding for a Doctoral Training Partnership.