

Medical Sciences Divisional Board

Approved by MSD Divisional officer in June 2023

Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation

Research Degrees in the Medical Sciences Division

Brief note about nature of change:

Changes to (a) the list of research degrees which can be undertaken through part-time study and (b) the list of programmes whereon students may hold Probationer Research Student status for a maximum of six terms. Clarification is also given that (c) these regulations do not apply to the degrees of Doctor of Clinical Psychology and Doctor of Medicine.

Location of change

In *Examination Regulations 2022-23*, Research Degrees in the Medical Sciences Division (<https://examregs.admin.ox.ac.uk/Regulation?code=rditmedisciedivi>)

Effective date

For students starting from MT 2023

Detail of change

Before '1. Admission of Research Students', insert:

'[These regulations do not apply to the degrees of Doctor of Clinical Psychology and Doctor of Medicine.]'

Under '1. Admission of Research Students', amend citation reference 1.3 as follows:

In assessing applications from candidates seeking to undertake a research degree through part-time study in Clinical Medicine, Clinical Neurosciences, Experimental Psychology, Medical Sciences, Molecular and Cellular Medicine, Musculoskeletal Sciences, Population Health, Psychiatry, Primary Care Health Sciences, ~~and~~ Translational Health Sciences, and Women's and Reproductive Health, the responsible admitting body shall have regard to evidence that:

Under '2. Probationer Status', amend citation references 1.11 – 1.17 as follows:

Students on the programmes listed below may hold Probationer Research Student status for a maximum of six terms:

D.Phil. in Advanced Bioscience of Viral Products

D.Phil. in Cancer Science (track 3 only, for non-clinical/fundamental scientists)

D.Phil. in Cardiovascular Science (BHF)

D.Phil. in Cellular Structural Biology

D.Phil. in Chemistry in Cells

D.Phil. in Chromosome and Developmental Biology

D.Phil. in Genomic Medicine and Statistics

D.Phil. in Health Data Science (HDR UK/Turing Wellcome)

D.Phil. in Infection, Immunology and Translational Medicine

D.Phil. in Ion Channels and Membrane Transport in Health and Disease (OXION)

~~D.Phil. in Structural Biology~~

Explanatory Notes

This change updates the list of research degrees in the Medical Sciences Division which can be directly applied to on a part-time basis, and also updates the list of 4-year structured doctoral programmes in the Medical Sciences Division where students may hold PRS status for a maximum of six terms, to accurately include all those approved.

A note has also been inserted to clarify that these regulations do not apply to the degree of Doctor of Clinical Psychology, which is now a postgraduate research degree, nor to the degree of Doctor of Medicine in light of major changes to that degree which affirm it to be a postgraduate research degree (a professional doctorate at award level 8). Regulations for the two degrees are published separately in the *Examination Regulations*.