



Senate

Paper Title	Vice-Principal's (Research) Advisory Group Terms of Reference and Membership
Outcome requested	Senate is asked to note the paper.
Points for Senate members to note and further information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The purpose of the Advisory Group is to develop and monitor strategies and policies for research and research support in QMUL. • The members of the Group are the VP-Research (Chair), the Faculty Deans and Deputy Deans for Research (one of the Deputy Deans for Research Programmes is the Director of the Doctoral College), and the Director of Research Services and Business Development. Heads and representatives of relevant Professional Services departments are invited to attend the meetings as appropriate.
Questions for Senate to consider	<p>The paper is provided for information.</p> <p>The Advisory Group will review its terms of reference and membership for 2016-17 at its next meeting, and make any recommendations for change to Senate.</p>
Regulatory/statutory reference points	Under the Queen Mary Delegation Framework, the VP-Research has responsibility for the leadership of cross-QMUL research and research degree matters, including academic standards and the development and delivery of the QMUL Research Strategy.
Strategy and risk	n/a
Reporting/consideration route for the paper	For report to Senate.
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Vice-Principal's Research Advisory Group

Terms of Reference and Membership, 2015-16

Terms of Reference

To develop and monitor strategies for research, including:

- To develop and monitor the delivery of internal and external KPIs for research at College level
- To make recommendations regarding policy on relations with external funding organisations and collaborators
- To make recommendations regarding the exploitation of research to the benefit of the College and staff
- To develop and monitor research support within the College, including costing and pricing, research grants management, business development, IP and commercialisation activities
- To develop, promote and support interdisciplinary and multi-disciplinary research in the College, including identifying College level research themes and priorities
- To develop the College's strategic approach to internally and externally funded interdisciplinary College Research Centres and Institutes and to monitor the success of these structures
- To develop and monitor high ethical standards in research in all College research activities
- To monitor allegations of fraud and misconduct in research through an annual report on allegations and outcomes
- To be responsible for the oversight of risk management arrangements and the assessment of risk relating to research activity.
- To be responsible for the oversight of the Queen Mary Doctoral College, including the recruitment, funding and training of doctoral students and postdoctoral researchers, and other strategic matters concerning these groups. The Research Advisory Group shall receive regular reports from the Doctoral College Management Group.
- To consider research ideas and proposals raised through other research forums.

Membership

Core members

Vice-Principal for Research (Chair)
Dean for Research, Humanities and Social Sciences
Deputy Dean for Research, Humanities and Social Sciences
Dean for Research, Medicine and Dentistry
Deputy Dean for Research, Medicine and Dentistry
Dean for Research, Science & Engineering
Deputy Dean for Research, Science & Engineering

Director of the Doctoral College
Director of Research Services and Business Development

In attendance

Executive Officer (Research)

Secretariat: ARCS

Heads and representatives of relevant Professional Services departments are invited to attend the meetings as appropriate.

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