



Senate

Paper Title	Research Degrees Programmes and Examinations Board Executive summary June 2013 to August 2013.
Outcome requested	Senate is asked to note the RDPEB executive summary.
Points for Senate members to note and further information	This paper summarises the business of RDPEB from June 2013 to August 2013
Questions for Senate to consider	
Regulatory/statutory reference points	RDPEB has oversight of quality and standards issues relating to research degree programmes. The quality assurance framework is key to the maintenance of academic standards and the quality of the student learning experience.
Strategy and risk	
Reporting/consideration route for the paper	
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RESEARCH DEGREE PROGRAMMES AND EXAMINATIONS BOARD

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Meetings and membership

1. The Research Degrees Examinations and Awards Board meets monthly. The membership is:

Vice Principal for Research and International Affairs
Deans for Research
Deputy Deans for Research (PGR)
One additional representative from each Faculty

Appointment of Examiners

2. The Board considers nominations for internal and external examiners for research degrees. From June 2013 to August 2013 the Board considered examiner nominations for 91 candidates for research degrees. 9 nominations (9.8%) were rejected or deferred pending receipt of further information.

Consideration of outcomes of research degree examinations

3. The Board considers outcomes of research degree examinations and views all examiners' reports. From June 2013 to August 2013 the Board considered the outcomes of 61 examinations:

Outcome	No.	%
Pass	9	15
Pass with minor amendments	38	62
Pass with major amendments	9	15
Re-enter for the examination	4	6
Recommend for MPhil (PhD entries)	1	2
Fail	0	0

Approval of awards for research degrees

4. The Board approves awards for research degrees on behalf of Senate. From June 2013 to August 2013 the Board approved 52 awards:

Award	N
PhD	47
MPhil	3
MD(Res)	2