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Senate

Paper Title	Research Degree Programmes: Review of Academic Regulations and Code of Practice
Outcome requested	Senate is asked to **note** the paper.
Points for Senate members to note and further information	The Research Degree Programmes and Examinations Board is reviewing the Code of Practice for Research Degrees and the Academic Regulations for Research Degrees. A small working group comprising the Faculty Deputy Deans for Research and the Assistant Academic Registrar (Research Degrees) is developing new drafts. There will be a consultation on the changes with schools and institutes in the summer. The proposals will be discussed at RDPEB, the Doctoral College Management Group, and the VP Research Advisory Group. Drafts will be circulated to Senate for comment in advance of the commencement of the new academic year.
Questions for Senate to consider	The paper is **provided for information**.

The proposed changes to the Code of Practice for Research Degrees summarised below will be reflected in the Academic Regulations:

New sections on
- Collaborative / joint research degrees
- Health and Safety: school and student responsibilities
- Provision for disability and impairment
- Internships and Placements / Paid Work

Updates to:
- Responsibilities of Faculty Deputy Deans for Research
- Responsibilities of Directors of Graduate Studies
- Role of Doctoral College
- QMUL general admission requirements for research degrees
- Associate student status
- Supervision arrangements: membership of supervisory panel, supervisor load, use of new online supervision log, supervisor training
- Framework of requirements for annual progress review
- Student working week and leave entitlement
- Interruption of Studies - payment of awards whilst on interruption, contact with supervisor and use of research facilities
- Eligibility of examiners and the potential to hold an examination via remote access

Regulatory/statutory reference points	QMUL Academic Regulations Alignment with the Quality Assurance Agency Quality Code
Strategy and risk	The governance of research degree programmes and provision for research degree students is reviewed by the Quality Assurance Agency as part of Higher Education Review. QMUL is due for review in 2016-17.
Reporting/ consideration route for the paper	**For report** to Senate.
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