



## Senate

<b>Paper Title</b>	<b>Research Degrees Programmes and Examinations Board Executive Summary March – May 2023</b>
<b>Outcome requested</b>	Senate is asked to <b>note</b> the executive summary of business considered by the Research Degrees Programmes and Examinations Board (RDPEB).
<b>Points for Senate members to note and further information</b>	This paper summarises business considered by RDPEB at meetings held in March – May 2023 including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• proposals for changes to the Academic Regulations and Code of Practice for Research Degrees in 2023-24. The details are in a separate paper on the Senate agenda;</li><li>• PGR studentship terms and conditions 2023-24;</li><li>• English Language Policy for Postgraduate Research Associate Students enrolling for less than 6 months.</li></ul>
<b>Questions for Senate to consider</b>	Senate is asked <b>to note</b> the report.
<b>Regulatory/statutory reference points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Queen Mary Strategy 2030</li><li>• Queen Mary Academic Regulations</li><li>• Queen Mary Code of Practice for Research Degrees Programmes</li><li>• OfS regulations and policies</li></ul> <p>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.</p>
<b>Strategy and risk</b>	
<b>Reporting/consideration route for the paper</b>	For information.
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## RESEARCH DEGREE PROGRAMMES AND EXAMINATIONS BOARD

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

March – May 2023

#### Meetings and membership

1. The Research Degree Programmes and Examinations Board meets monthly. The membership comprises:
  - Dean for Postgraduate Research [Chair]
  - Faculty Deputy Deans for Postgraduate Research
  - One additional representative (a school/institute Director of Graduate Studies) from each Faculty

The secretariat is provided by the Research Degrees Office. The Doctoral College Manager is in attendance.

#### Examinations Business

2. The Board:
  - considers and approves nominations for internal and external examiners for research degrees;
  - considers and approves outcomes of research degree examinations and reviews all examiners' reports;
  - considers and makes decisions on applications to interrupt studies and extensions to the thesis submission deadline;
  - approves awards for research degrees on behalf of Senate.

Decisions are recorded in the minutes of the monthly meetings of the Board.

#### Academic Regulations and the Code of Practice for Research Degree Programmes for 2023-24

3. The Board's recommendations for changes to the Academic Regulations and the Code of Practice for Research Degree Programmes for 2023-24 are set out in a separate paper for Senate to consider.

#### Queen Mary Studentship Terms and Conditions 2023-24

4. The Board approved the studentship terms and conditions for funding in 2023-4 for studentship funding managed and offered by Queen Mary. These do not require approval by Senate.

**Admissions English Language Policy for Postgraduate Research Associate Students enrolling for less than 6 months**

5. On the recommendation of the Doctoral College and the Admissions Office, the Research Degrees Board and Education Quality and Standards Board have approved a new English Language Policy for Postgraduate Research Associate Students enrolling for less than 6 months. The policy does not require approval by Senate.

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