



Senate

Paper Title	Research Degrees Programmes and Examinations Board Executive Summary October – November 2022
Outcome requested	Senate is asked to note the executive summary of business considered by the Research Degrees Programmes and Examinations Board (RDPEB).
Points for Senate members to note and further information	This paper summarises business considered by RDPEB at meetings held in October – November 2022: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• taxonomy of collaborative provision;• proposals for new professional doctorate award titles.
Questions for Senate to consider	Senate is asked to note the report.
Regulatory/statutory reference points	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Queen Mary Strategy 2030• Queen Mary Academic Regulations• Queen Mary Code of Practice for Research Degrees Programmes• UK Quality Code for Higher Education <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>
Strategy and risk	
Reporting/consideration route for the paper	For information.
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RESEARCH DEGREE PROGRAMMES AND EXAMINATIONS BOARD

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

October – November 2022

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.

Taxonomy of Collaborative Provision

3. The Board has reviewed the research degree programmes section of the taxonomy of collaborative provision. The taxonomy provides information about the types of collaborative activity which Queen Mary supports. It is approved by Partnerships Board.
4. There are no proposed changes to the collaborative activity for research degrees which currently permits:
 - joint PhD agreements leading to a single degree jointly awarded by the partner institutions; and

- joint supervision / research project agreements whereby students enrol for the degree at one institution and enrol as an associate or visiting student at the other partners.

Queen Mary does not offer double PhD agreements whereby the partner institutions provide a doctoral programme leading to two or more separate PhD awards for the same work.

The framework for Collaborative Provision is set out here
<https://arcs.qmul.ac.uk/quality-assurance/collaborative-provision/>

Proposals for new professional doctorate award titles

5. The Board has discussed proposals for new professional doctorate award titles with the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry. Proposals are under development and will be reported to Senate for approval in due course.

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