

University Calendar: 2022/23
Academic Regulations: Faculty of Medicine

School	Medicine
Final Award	Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) (with intermediate award of Master of Research (MRes)) <i>With exit awards of:</i> Master of Research (MRes) Master of Philosophy (MPhil)
Programme(s)	Integrated PhD in Biomedical Science
Last modified	June 2022

The Academic Regulations which are detailed in Section V: [Regulations for Research Degrees and Higher Doctorates](#), and Section IV: [General Information and Regulations](#) of the [University Calendar](#), apply to and regulate the programme(s) listed above.

On occasion, programmes can be exempted from one or more of the clauses in the Regulations; one or more of the clauses can be varied; and programmes can impose additional requirements.

- Exemptions are characterised by the omission of the relevant clause.
- Variations are characterised by the replacement of the clause with alternative wording.
- Additions are characterised by requirements in addition to those detailed in the Academic regulations.

The programmes listed have approval from the Academic Quality and Standards Committee for the **exemptions** and/or **variations** and/or **additions** to the regulations noted below.

Exemptions:

The clause listed below describe where an exemption to the Regulations exists:

The Integrated PhD in Biomedical Science is exempt from clause 6.1 under section 6. (Repeat) of the [Progression, Determination and Classification of Results Postgraduate Master's Programmes](#).

Variations:

The clause listed below describe where a variation to the Regulations exists:

Existing University Regulation Regulations for Research Degrees		Approved Variation
18	<p>Additional requirements for Integrated PhDs Integrated PhDs are typically structured as follows, with any specific additional requirements detailed in the Academic Regulations (Section VI of the University Calendar):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the early stages of their programme, research students will be required to follow a prescribed programme of modules. Research students who complete these modules and pass the required assessments at the specified standard will be permitted to proceed to the research phase of the programme. This may also lead to the award of MA, MSc or MRes as defined in the relevant Academic Regulations (Section VI of the University Calendar). The right of referral or repeat will be defined in the relevant Academic Regulations (Section VI of the University Calendar). In the event of failure to achieve the required standard following referral or repeat, 	<p>Additional requirements for Integrated PhDs Integrated PhDs are typically structured as follows, with any specific additional requirements detailed in the Academic Regulations (Section VI of the University Calendar):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the early stages of their programme, research students will be required to follow a prescribed programme of modules. Research students who complete these modules and pass the required assessments at the specified standard, as well as successfully completing the PhD competence review, will be permitted to proceed to the research phase of the programme. This may also lead to the award of MA, MSc or MRes as defined in the relevant Academic Regulations (Section VI of the University Calendar). The right of referral or repeat will be defined in the relevant Academic

	<p>such research students may be eligible for an exit award of a Diploma or Master's Degree, subject to further academic work and dependent upon the requirements of the relevant programme specification.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The remainder of the research student's programme will be devoted to supervised research and preparation of a thesis and may include the completion of further modules, training and development. 	<p>Regulations (Section VI of the University Calendar).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The PhD competence review will be held at three points during year 1, with the first two being formative and the last one summative. Feedback will be provided after each review. If the third PhD competence review is failed, a second attempt will be offered. Should the second attempt be failed, the Faculty may, at the end of year 1, recommend to Senate that candidature for the PhD is terminated. Eligible candidates may be offered the exit award of MRes The remainder of the research student's programme will be devoted to supervised research and preparation of a thesis and may include the completion of further modules, training and development. 																												
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First Progression Review	15 - 20 months	Before the end of month 21	21 - 23 months	Before the end of month 24
Second Progression Review (Confirmation)	30 - 41 months	Before the end of month 42	42 - 47 months	Before the end of month 48
Third Progression Review	61 - 65 months	Before the end of month 66	66 - 71 months	Before the end of month 72

In exceptional circumstances, and only where a student can be shown to be making exceptional progress, a research student may be permitted to undertake their Progression Review earlier than the timeframe specified. In such a case, the request must be made by the main supervisor to the Faculty Director of the Graduate School for recommendation to the Faculty Education Committee for approval.

Research students who first enrolled on their doctoral studies before 1 August 2016 will follow the progression monitoring timings and procedures that applied at the time of their year of entry and as determined by their Faculty (including those for upgrade/transfer from MPhil to PhD). A summary of the applicable timings, depending on year of entry, is set out in the table below and students should refer to their Faculty for further information. However, the policy and procedure outlined in paragraphs 65 to 73 of this Code (*The Second Progression Review: Confirmation of Doctoral Candidature*) will apply to research students who first enrolled on their doctoral studies before 1 August 2016 when completing their upgrade/transfer from MPhil to PhD.

Summary of timings of Confirmation of Doctoral candidature/Upgrade from MPhil to PhD		
Time of Entry	Full-time	Part-time
After 1 August 2016	18 - 21 months	30 - 42 months
1 August 2015 to 1 August 2016	18 - 21 months	30 - 42 months
Before 1 August 2015	At least 6 months before final thesis submission	At least 6 months before final thesis submission

Approved Variation

Research students who enrolled on their doctoral studies after 1 August 2016 are required to undertake Progression Reviews as outlined in the *Summary of timings of progression reviews for research students who enrolled on their doctoral studies on or after 1 August 2016* tables below. The Second Progression Review is known as confirmation of doctoral candidature (paragraphs 65 to 73 of this Code (*The Second Progression Review (Confirmation of Doctoral Candidature)*)) and must be successfully completed before a research student may submit a thesis for examination.

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Summary of timings of progression reviews for research students who enrolled on their doctoral studies on or after 1 August 2016 (full-time iPhD Biomedical Science programme)

	First Attempt		Second Attempt	
	Submission window	Decision deadline	Submission window	Decision deadline
Year 1 Taught Modules				
First Progression Review	16 - 18 months	Before end of month 20	20 - 22 months	Before end of month 24
Second Progression Review (Confirmation)	25 - 27 months	Before end of month 30	31 - 33 months	Before end of month 36
Third Progression Review	37 - 39 months	Before end of month 41	41 - 43 months	Before end of month 45

Summary of timings of progression reviews for research students who enrolled on their doctorate studies on or after 1 August 2016 (flexible route iPhD Biomedical Science programme)

	First Attempt		Second Attempt	
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Year 1 Taught Modules				
First Progression Review	32 - 36 months	Before end of month 39	40 - 44 months	Before end of month 47
Second Progression Review (Confirmation)	48 - 52 months	Before end of month 55	56 - 60 months	Before end of month 63
Third Progression Review	64 - 68 months	Before end of month 71	72 - 76 months	Before end of month 78

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Additional requirements:

The clause(s) listed below are in addition to the Regulations:

Years 2-4 of this programme may be subject to DBS requirements, see clause 4 of the [Procedures for Handling Applications for Students with Previous Criminal Convictions](#).

Disclaimer:

As a research-led University, we undertake a continuous review of our programmes to ensure quality enhancement and to manage our resources. As a result, these regulations may be revised during a student's period of registration, however, any revision will be balanced against the requirement that the student should receive the educational service expected. Please read our [Disclaimer](#) to see why, when and how changes may be made to a student's programme.