

Academic Regulations for Research Degrees

Summary of Changes 2026-27

- Updated terminology, role titles, responsibilities and cross-references across Sections 21-24 for 2026-27.
- Clarified registration arrangements and other operational processes to reflect current University practice.
- Updated viva and oral examination procedures, including online/in-person arrangements, examiner processes and Independent Chair responsibilities.
- Aligned wording and procedures across the Research Degree and Professional Doctorate regulations, with the core academic framework and award requirements remaining broadly unchanged.