**Draft Regulations for PhD with Integrated Research Studies**

1. Candidates registered for the PhD with Integrated Research Studies shall be required to pursue an approved full-time programme of study and research extending over a period of four years.

2. Any research student who is registered for the PhD with Integrated Research Studies programme is eligible to submit a thesis for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy after 48 months full-time registration. However, a student may submit their thesis up to 6 months early with the permission of their supervisor. Candidates shall submit their theses within 54 months of the date of their initial registration.

3. Registration shall normally be with effect from 1 October. Other start dates may be possible subject to the availability of the taught elements of the programme.

4. Each School participating in the PhD with Integrated Research Studies programme shall ensure that regulations are published for the taught element of the PhD with Integrated Research Studies, which shall include a listing of the constituent modules. Module specifications shall be published for each module in accordance with the provision of Regulation XXI.

5. Candidates are required to successfully complete modules with a total modular weighting of 120 credits within 24 months of registering for the programme.

6. All candidates shall register at the beginning of their programme and subsequently at the beginning of each academic year for the modules which they are taking in that year, subject to satisfactory progress in their research and the extension of their registration in accordance with Regulation XXVI.

7. The taught element of the PhD programme shall be assessed in accordance with the procedures set out in Regulation XXI.

8. An External Programme Assessor shall be appointed for the taught element of the PhD programme in accordance with Regulation XXII.

9. There shall be a Programme Board for the taught element of the PhD programme which shall meet for the purpose of awarding credit and which shall exercise the other powers of a Programme Board described in Regulation XXI.

10. Candidates will be eligible to progress on the PhD with Integrated Research Studies programme when they have successfully completed the taught element within 24 months of commencing the programme.

11. Candidates shall re-register annually and re-registration will depend upon satisfactory performance in research and taught modules. Progress at the end of year one will be assessed through the submission of a report of the order of 5000 words on the research to date.

 Progress in research during the second year of registration will be assessed through the submission of a report of the order of 10,000 words on the research to date. Assessment of research progress shall be undertaken in accordance with the University’s standard progression review procedures.

12. Throughout the programme of study candidates shall undertake research leading to the submission of a thesis.

13. Lack of satisfactory progress in either the taught element of the programme or the research project will mean that the candidate will not be permitted to continue to pursue the programme of study. At the end of year 2 the progress of candidates will be assessed on the basis of their performance in the taught element and research element of the programme and the candidates shall either:

* be permitted to proceed with the PhD with Integrated Research Studies programme OR
* be permitted to continue with the PhD with Integrated Research Studies programme subject to the completion of any outstanding requirements in relation to the taught element of the programme;
OR
* be required to withdraw from the PhD with Integrated Research Studies programme;
OR
* be required to withdraw from the PhD with Integrated Research Studies programme but be awarded an appropriate Postgraduate Diploma/Postgraduate Certificate;
OR
* be required to withdraw from the PhD with Integrated Research Studies programme but be encouraged to submit for the degree of Master of Philosophy;
OR
* be required to withdraw from the PhD with Integrated Research Studies programme but be permitted to register for a PhD in accordance with Regulation XXVI

14. Successful completion of the taught element of the programme contributes towards progression on the PhD programme. Candidates will not receive a separate award unless they have accumulated sufficient modular credit and withdraw from the PhD programme.

15. For the degree of PhD, the basis of assessment shall be in accordance with Regulation XXVI.

16 The provisions of Regulation XXVI shall apply to all candidates except as provided for in the foregoing paragraphs.