

Changes to the Supervision Policy for Postgraduate Research Degrees

Synopsis

This paper sets out revisions to the Supervision Policy for Postgraduate Research Degrees. All changes to the policy were approved by the Manchester Doctoral Committee (MDC) on 21st December 2011.

The Supervision policy for Postgraduate Research Degrees can be found at:

<http://www.campus.manchester.ac.uk/researchoffice/graduate/code/supervision/>

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Changes to Policy

1. Section 2. Supervisory teams and advisors / tutors

Current text

"Wherever possible, this team consists of a main supervisor, who has responsibility for agreeing a suitable plan of research work with the student and overseeing its progress, and one or more academic colleagues who act as co-supervisor(s)"

Amended text (to match QAA Code of Practice)

~~Wherever possible, this team consists of a main supervisor, who has responsibility for agreeing a suitable plan of research work with the student and overseeing its progress, and one or more academic colleagues who act as co-supervisor(s)~~ As a minimum, each research student will have a main supervisor. The main supervisor will normally be part of a supervisory team consisting of one or more additional academic colleagues or clinical/industrial partners acting as co-supervisor(s). If, in exceptional circumstances, it is more appropriate to appoint only one supervisor, a case must be put forward to the Faculty Associate Dean to request permission for sole supervision.

2. Section 3. Appointment of supervisors

Current clause 3.1c:

"Non-permanent members of staff should normally be appointed as co-supervisor. Under no circumstances should non-permanent members of staff be appointed as main supervisor if their contract is due to expire within the student's proposed period of registration"

Amended clause 3.1c:

"Non-permanent members of staff should normally **only** be appointed as co-supervisor. Under no circumstances should **any member of staff** ~~non-permanent members of staff~~ be appointed as main supervisor if their contract is due to expire within the student's proposed period of registration."

3. Section 4. Supervision Responsibilities

Updated Associate Dean contact details

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