

Updates to the Change of Circumstances Policy for Postgraduate Researchers Policy – June 2020

This paper sets out the updates which have been made to the following postgraduate research regulations and policies.

The updates have been approved by the Manchester Doctoral College Strategy Group (MDCSG). MDCSG fully considered and approved the changes on 12th May 2020.

Section added:

4.1.1 Examples of mitigating circumstances due to Covid-19

- a. Redeployment to work on COVID-19 related research or other COVID-19 related activity.
- b. Critical research activities have had to be postponed or have suffered a major delay, alternative activities have not been available and the impact cannot be mitigated.
- c. Additional COVID-19 related caring responsibilities.
- d. Illness related to COVID-19 (including mental health issues).
- e. Extended lack of supervision/guidance due to COVID-19 related activity.
- f. Specific impact resulting from remote working as a result of a disability or any other protected characteristics.
- g. Any other considerations that can be specifically attributed to COVID-19 and evidenced in the case