

## Summary of changes to Presentation of Thesis Policy (July 2020)

The [Presentation of Theses Policy](#) has been amended to include the option for the insertion of a COVID-19 thesis impact statement into the examination version of a thesis.

### 6.3. COVID-19 Impact Statements (not compulsory)

- a. PGRs who wish to make their Examiners aware of the impact COVID-19 has had on their research plans and thesis may include an Impact Statement for consideration during the examination process.
- b. The COVID-19 Impact Statement should be inserted into the examination and/or resubmission thesis immediately following the electronically generated cover-page and before the title page (it should be removed from the final version of the thesis post-examination).
- c. The Impact Statement should include the following information: Presentation of Theses Policy You are required to submit your thesis electronically
  - i. Details on how disruption caused by COVID-19 has impacted the research (for example, an inability to collect/analyse data as a result of travel restrictions/restricted access to labs/additional caring and health responsibilities - 500 words maximum);
  - ii. A description of how the planned work would have fitted within the thesis' narrative (e.g. through method development, development of analytical skills or advancement of hypotheses - 500 words maximum);
  - iii. A summary of any decisions / actions taken to mitigate for any work or data collection/analyses that were prevented by COVID-19 (500 words maximum).
- d. PGRs are encouraged to discuss the statement with their supervisory team before submitting the statement alongside the thesis.