

Postgraduate Research Degrees Committee

Aim	The Postgraduate Research Degrees Committee has overarching responsibility for BU Postgraduate Researchers.
Reporting	Reports to Research Impact and Innovation Strategy Task Group (RIISTG) on matters of research strategy and support, and to Senate on matters requiring academic judgement.
Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dean of Postgraduate Research: chair • College PGR Directors • Head of Quality Assurance & Validation or nominee • Doctoral School Manager • SU President and Postgraduate Researcher representatives • Representative from support services • Representative from those in PGR administrative roles • Secretary Co-opted (Doctoral School Administrator) <p>Co-opted The RDC may co-opt additional members to support fulfilment of its remit in respect of all areas and types of doctoral research activity and will periodically invite relevant staff to attend meetings to facilitate discussion of specific topics.</p>
Terms of Reference	<p>The purpose of the Research Degree Committee is to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and review University strategies, policies and procedures relating to Postgraduate Researchers, including those relating to admission and registration, supervision and monitoring, training and development of students and supervisors and PGR representation • Monitoring KPIs relating to Postgraduate Researchers • Reviewing proposals for new PGR awards, including joint and dual awards • Overseeing all aspects of the PGR experience • Reviewing of 6-monthly reports from DTPs & CDTs submitted by DTP and CDT steering groups • Resource provision • Monitoring PGR progression • Receiving an annual report from each College on PGR activities • Receiving an annual report from the Doctoral School on its activities • Receiving an annual report from the Students' Union on PGR activities • Receiving an annual report from the Quality Assurance and Validation Unit on the outcomes of PG research degree examinations • Receiving reports on complaints and appeals made by Postgraduate Researchers. • Reviewing regulations and codes of practice relating to PG research degrees • Reviewing applications to establish DTPs / DTCs and other similar centres • Receive 6-monthly reports in relation to the pan-Wales KESS 2 project (led by Bangor on behalf of the HE sector in Wales)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Making recommendations and reporting to RIISTG and to the University Senate
Frequency of meetings	The RDC will meet every 2 months. Meetings will sync with RIISTG (monthly during semesters) and Senate; and will be informed by and hence synch with meetings of the Doctoral School Board.