

## 2.5 SPECIAL PROGRAMME REGULATIONS FOR RESEARCH AWARDS

### a) INTEGRATED PHD – SARAJEVO SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SSST)

- i) Students at the Sarajevo School of Science and Technology may be admitted to undertake an Integrated Doctoral Programme which has a taught phase and a research phase. The taught phase will last for a minimum of one year and a maximum of two years. The minimum length of the degree will be 4 years.
- ii) The General Regulations for Higher Degrees as set out in Section 3 of the Research Degrees Handbook above shall apply to doctoral candidates on the Integrated PhD programme at the Sarajevo School of Science and Technology, with additional special regulations as follows:
  - a) On commencement on the taught phase of the programme, a supervisor/mentor must be approved and appointed in accordance with the policy and procedures in the University of Buckingham Research Degrees Handbook. The role of this supervisor will be to advise and monitor progress during the taught phase of the programme
  - b) A supervisory team for the research phase must be approved and appointed in accordance with the policy and procedures in the University of Buckingham Research Degrees Handbook.
  - c) The taught phase of the programme will be specific to the area of the PhD and must be approved by the SSST Research Committee
  - d) The taught phase of the programme must include a Research Methods component
  - e) Students must complete the taught phase of the programme successfully in order to progress to the research phase of their studies
  - f) Assessment of the taught phase will be by examination or by the presentation of papers (with a *viva voce* if required by the examiners)
  - g) Following completion of the taught phase of the programme, students are required to pass an assessment conducted by a Review Panel in order to continue with their studies.
  - h) The external examiner will be approved and appointed in accordance with the policy and procedures in the University of Buckingham Research Degrees Handbook. The final thesis *viva voce* examination will be conducted in accordance with the policy and procedures in the University of Buckingham Research Degrees Handbook.

### b) DOCTOR OF MEDICINE (MD) ON THE BASIS OF PUBLISHED RESEARCH

- i) The degree of Doctor of Medicine shall be awarded to medical graduates for original published contributions of excellence in any branch of medical science. The degree of MD on the basis of published work may be conferred on:

- a) holders of the degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MB BS), or equivalent approved medical qualifications, of not less than five years standing who have held an appointment as a member of staff of this university for at least two years;
  - b) holders of the degrees of MB BS, or equivalent approved medical qualifications, of not less than five years standing who have held a Fellowship of this university for at least two years.
- ii) Candidates must have fulfilled such conditions as are prescribed below and have submitted published work which, in the opinion of the examiners, gives clear proof of an original contribution to learning in the field of medical science.
- iii) In the first instance, a person wishing to be registered on a programme of study should contact the appropriate Research Officer, who will identify an appropriate supervisor. The supervisor will be appointed for a minimum of 12 months and be responsible for providing assistance to the student in preparing the submission for the degree. In due course, the submission for the degree will be delivered to the Registry Officer, with the appropriate fee, and will comprise three copies of:
  - a) a list of the published works upon which the application is based. The list should indicate whether and with what result any of the works have previously been submitted for any degree of any university or awarding body;
  - b) a supporting commentary indicating the area of knowledge to which the published work relates and the ways in which it makes an original contribution to medical learning meriting the award of the degree;
  - c) where any of the works submitted have been produced jointly with others, a written statement signed by the other contributors to the works concerned indicating the share that the candidate took personally in the work;
  - d) a *curriculum vitae*.
  - e) the published works upon which the application is based.
- iv) All applications will be considered first by the Dean who, after such consultation as may be considered necessary or desirable, shall determine whether in his/her opinion there is a *prima facie* case for the award of the degree.
- v) Where the Dean is of the opinion that a *prima facie* case has been made, the candidate will be asked to submit two copies of the works upon which the application is based, together with the required fee. Additional work, published or unpublished, may be submitted in support of the application. Permanently bound copies are acceptable if the work is already in that format.
 

Where the Dean is of the opinion that a *prima facie* case has not been made, the candidate will be so informed and all submitted materials will be returned.
- vi) The submitted work shall be assessed by two examiners, at least one of whom shall be an external examiner. The examination shall consist of a consideration of the works and materials submitted, with an oral examination on these works and on the general area of knowledge to which they relate.

- vii) Each examiner shall make an independent report on the published works before the oral examination; they shall be present at the oral examination, and they shall sign a joint statement of the result of the oral examination.
- viii) The reports and joint statement of the examiners shall be considered by the Research Committee which may recommend to Senate the award of the degree, permit a further examination on such conditions as it deems fit, or decline the award of the degree. Except where the Research Committee permits further examination, no further application for admission to the degree may be made until the expiry of at least two calendar years from the date upon which any previous application was made.
- ix) Where Senate confirms the award of the degree one copy of the works and prescribed materials shall be deposited in the University Library. Except where the nature of the publication renders this impracticable (e.g. where they are in the form of a book), or where bound copies were submitted originally, the submitted works should be bound together with the prescribed materials in a form similar to that required by the Rules for the Format of Theses.