

OTHER TYPES OF COLLABORATION

3.2 POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH DEGREES

- I. Arrangements typically fall into one of the following two categories:
 - Research degree programmes developed in conjunction with a proposed partner institution, with an agreed number of students enrolled on the programme each year
 - Existing research degree programmes admitting an individual student under such an agreement on a one-off basis.
- II. The regulations as set out in the *General Regulations for Higher Degrees* at the University of Buckingham apply in all cases.
- III. All such proposals should meet the following criteria
 - a) The minimum period of study and research shall be one year full-time for a Master's degree by research, two years full-time for an MPhil and three full-time years for a DPhil.
 - b) All applications to undertake a research degree must be approved by the University of Buckingham. The collaborative partner in consultation with Buckingham must complete the Checklist for Registration of a Research Student (see 3.3.1).
 - c) Students must have a first and second designated supervisor at the partner institution. The Academic Link Tutor would normally act as a third, independent advisor at Buckingham.
 - d) The research proposal must conform to that required in current *Research Degrees Handbook* (3D.1 Supervision and Studying) published by the University of Buckingham and be approved by both supervisors.
- IV. Students are subject to annual review in the same way as those carrying out their study and research at the University of Buckingham.
- V. Proposals for a new postgraduate research degree at another institution must complete an initial approval request for new partnerships and submit it to the Collaborations Department.
- VI. A student Progress Report (*Research Degrees Handbook* 3G.1.1 Progress Reports to Research Committee) should be submitted by the collaborative partner each term, and an Annual Review (*Research Degrees Handbook* 3H.1.1 Guidelines and Reports for the Annual Review) at the end of each year. All student reports should be reported to the Research Committee at the University of Buckingham.
- VII. External Examiner(s) are appointed by the University of Buckingham who will complete the External Examiner Nomination and Approval Form (3.3.2) in consultation with the collaborative partner.

- VIII. External Examiner(s) are requested to complete the Report on Thesis Submitted for a Research Degree (*Research Degrees Handbook* 3M.1.3) in consultation with the collaborative partner.
- IX. Students are asked to complete the Restriction on Access form (*Research Degrees Handbook* 3N.1.2 Restriction on Access for a Thesis/Dissertation)
- X. Following External Examination and oral defence (where appropriate) the Collaborations Department will report results to Senate and provide successful students with a Buckingham award.