



Senate

<b>Paper Title</b>	<b>Research Degrees Programmes and Examinations Board Executive Summary October – November 2024</b>
<b>Outcome requested</b>	Senate is asked to <b>note</b> the executive summary of business considered by the Research Degrees Programmes and Examinations Board (RDPEB).
<b>Points for Senate members to note and further information</b>	This paper summarises business considered by RDPEB at meetings held in October – November 2024: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• part 2 approval of new Clinical Doctorate (DClin) programmes in FMD;</li><li>• part 1 and part 2 review of PhD Organ-on-a-Chip Technologies, SEMS;</li><li>• new IP policy noted.</li></ul>
<b>Questions for Senate to consider</b>	Senate is asked <b>to note</b> the report.
<b>Regulatory/statutory reference points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Queen Mary Strategy 2030</li><li>• Queen Mary Academic Regulations</li><li>• Queen Mary Code of Practice for Research Degrees Programmes</li><li>• Office for Students regulations and policies</li></ul> <p>RDPEB has oversight of quality and standards issues relating to research degree programmes.</p>
<b>Strategy and risk</b>	
<b>Reporting/consideration route for the paper</b>	
<b>Authors</b>	Mary Childs, Research Degrees Office
<b>Sponsor</b>	Professor Tim Warner, Dean for Postgraduate Research Director of the Doctoral College and Chair of the Research Degrees Programmes and Examinations Board

## RESEARCH DEGREE PROGRAMMES AND EXAMINATIONS BOARD

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY June – September 2024

#### Meetings and membership

1. The Research Degree Programmes and Examinations Board meets monthly. The membership comprises:
  - Dean for Postgraduate Research (Chair)
  - Faculty Deputy Deans for Research (PGR)
  - One additional representative (a school/institute Director of Graduate Studies) from each Faculty

The Head of the Doctoral College is in attendance.

The secretariat is provided by the Research Degrees Office.

#### Examinations Business

2. The Board:
  - considers and approves nominations for internal and external examiners for research degrees;
  - considers and approves outcomes of research degree examinations and reviews all examiners' reports;
  - considers and makes decisions on applications to interrupt studies and extensions to the thesis submission deadline;
  - approves awards for research degrees on behalf of Senate;
  - considers and advises on processes and policies for research degrees.

Decisions are recorded in the minutes of the monthly meetings of the Board.

#### Part 2 proposal for new Professional Doctorates programmes of Clinical Doctorate (DClin) in Medicine and in Surgery, FMD

3. The Taught Programmes Board and the Research Degrees Programmes and Examinations Board have approved the Part 2 proposals for two new Professional Doctorate programmes in the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry:
  - Clinical Doctorate (DClin) in Medicine
  - Clinical Doctorate (DClin) in Surgery

4. Professional Doctorates are modular programmes including assessment of up to 180 credits at level 7 and the majority of the programme is level 8 directed study and research. Proposals are considered jointly by the Taught Programmes Board and the Research Degree Programmes and Examinations Board through the Professional Doctorates Committee, a joint committee of TPB and RDPEB.

#### **Part 1 approval and Part 2 review for new PhD programme Organ-on-a-Chip Technologies, SEMS**

5. The School of Engineering and Materials Science is introducing a PhD programme to develop Organ-on-a-Chip Technologies. The Board received the Part 1 programme proposal approved by the Faculty of Science and Engineering and is reviewing the Part 2 proposal.
6. This new PhD programme is supported by the successful bid to UK Research and Innovation and EPSRC for funding for a new centre for doctoral training in Next Generation Organ-on-a-Chip Technologies (COaCT). The programme will follow the standard PhD requirements and no changes to Academic Regulations are required. The programme will be managed by SEMS. Students may carry out their research in other departments in the Faculties of Science and Engineering and Medicine and Dentistry associated with the CDT.

#### **IP policy**

7. The Board received the new policy on Intellectual Property for information and to consider if any changes are required to guidance to research students concerning the acknowledgement of collaboration in research at the point of submission of the thesis for examination. At its next meeting the Board will review the statement of originality included at the beginning of a doctoral thesis.

Mary Childs, Research Degrees Office, Registry Services