

THE RESEARCH STUDENTS' FORUM

Reports to: Research Degrees Sub Committee

Meetings: Two meetings of the Student Representatives' Panel and two open meetings each year.

In addition a University level event may be held each year.

Composition

Ex Officio:

Deputy Chair (Research Degrees Sub Committee) - Chair

Nominated:

One or two research student/s elected or nominated by each School

Members of staff active in research degree supervision as relevant

Staff representative of students service departments as relevant including Academic Services Department, Careers and Student Employment, Information Systems and Library Services

Secretary

Research Administrator (Research Office, Academic Services Department)

Terms of Reference

The Committee acts as the equivalent of a Course Committee for a taught course. Its terms of reference are:

- To consider and comment on issues relating to the academic welfare of research students
- To comment on research provision including library and computing support, administrative support, facilities, and supervision
- To receive, monitor and comment on the findings from the University Annual Progress Review of research degree provision (reports by School Research Directors and generic findings of Research Student Annual Questionnaires)
- To comment on University proposals for changes to relevant procedures, practices or regulations
- To act as a forum to discuss research student concerns and initiatives
- To facilitate dissemination of information of direct concern to research students
- To promote University level networking and communication regarding research degree provision and policy.