# Research Degree Committee

## Aim

The **Research Degree Committee** has overarching responsibility for BU PGR students.

## Reporting

Reports to **Research Strategy Task Group (RSTG)** on matters of research strategy and support, and to **Senate** on matters requiring academic judgement.

## Membership

- Dean of Postgraduate Research : *chair*
- College DoGs
- Head of Quality Assurance & Validation
- Doctoral School Manager
- SU President and student representatives
- Representative from support services
- Representative from those in PGR administrative roles
- Secretary

**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.

## Terms of Reference

The **purpose** of the Research Degree Committee is to:-

- Developing and reviewing University strategies, policies and procedures relating to PGR students, including those relating to admission and registration, supervision and monitoring, training and development of students and supervisors and student representation
- Monitoring KPIs relating to PGR students
- Reviewing proposals for new PGR awards, including joint and dual awards
- Overseeing all aspects of the PGR experience
- Overseeing DTPs & DTCs
- Resource provision
- Monitoring PGR student 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 research degree examinations
- Receiving an annual report on complaints and appeals made by PGRs
| Frequency of meetings | The RDC will meet every 2 months. Meetings will synch with RSTG (monthly during semesters) and Senate; and will be informed by and hence synch with meetings of the Doctoral School Board. |

- Reviewing regulations and codes of practice relating to 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 ion Wales)
- Making recommendations and reporting to RSTG and to the University Senate