

CODE OF PRACTICE FOR RESEARCH DEGREE STUDENTS AND SUPERVISORS
SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS AND/OR ADDITIONS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/25

The wording in bold reflects the amended wording

Section number	Relevant paragraph(s)	Page (s)
All sections	<i>Nomenclature has been updated to include references to the Associate Pro Vice-Chancellor (Postgraduate Research)</i>	All
Section 2 Roles and Responsibilities b) The Supervisory Team	<i>Paragraph 3 has been amended as follows:</i> There may be cases where, due to the interdisciplinary nature of the research and/or the subject-specific expertise required (or exceptionally for pastoral reasons), there is a need to appoint an advisor as a third or fourth member of the supervisory team. This will be a third supervisor if the individual is involved with the research and an advisor if they have a pastoral role. The advisor will normally be an established or probationary, doctorate-holding and research active member of the academic staff of the University, an Honorary Research Fellow, Emerita/Emeritus or Visiting Professor or may be external to the University.	5
Section 2 Roles and Responsibilities b) The Supervisory Team	<i>Paragraph 4 has been amended as follows:</i> Both principal and second supervisors/advisors, regardless of tenure, should normally be employed by the University. In cases of scarce expertise, where an external funding body requires it or where a student's research is considered to be at a stage where a change of supervisor may compromise their progress, the second supervisor or advisor may be external to the University. Cases of scarce expertise within University may include circumstances where there is a lack of technical and academic expertise in a particular research area or a lack of expertise in a particular methodology or theoretical perspective. Normally, supervision exclusively by persons from outside the University will not be permitted.	5
Section 2 Roles and Responsibilities d) Responsibilities of the second Supervisor/Advisor	<i>Paragraph 18 has been amended and the existing paragraph 19 deleted. The remaining paragraphs have been renumbered throughout.</i> 18. Each student will be allocated, as a minimum, either a second supervisor and/or advisor as an additional source of academic and pastoral support (as an additional source of academic support) and/or advisor (for pastoral support) . The following section outlines the responsibilities of the second supervisor and advisor. 19. Where the specialised nature of the student's research and/or staff availability make the appointment of a second supervisor impractical, an advisor will be appointed in place of a second supervisor. An advisor may also be appointed as an additional member of the supervisory team where departmental practice and/or gender considerations require. 20. 19. Where the student's principal supervisor is of the opposite gender and the student has expressed a wish to have a member of their supervisory team of the same gender, this should be accommodated in appointing the second supervisor/advisor.	9
Section 7. The Viva Voce Examination	<i>A new Section 7 setting out the items which can be brought into the viva voce examination has been added to the Code. The remaining sections of the Code have been renumbered accordingly.</i>	18

	<i>A contents page has been added to the Code of Practice</i>	
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