

Terms of Reference of the Postgraduate Research Board 2023/2024 Academic Year

The proposed terms of reference are as follows:

To regulate, subject to review by Senate, teaching and learning in the areas of academic responsibility assigned to the Postgraduate Research Board including recommendation of amendments to the TQA Manual. (Ordinance 26.1).

1. To establish working parties/steering groups/task and finish groups as needed to carry forward the Board's business.
2. To approve persons for appointment as Examiners, on behalf of Senate. (Ordinance 26.2).
3. To recommend to Senate amendments to the Ordinances and regulations, disciplinary and other procedures for students. (Ordinance 26.3)
4. To approve amendments to Regulations governing academic programmes dealing with courses of study for Degrees and other distinctions and on any questions relating to the work of the Board. (Ordinance 26.3).
5. To make recommendations to Senate for the award of academic programmes (other than Honorary Degrees), (Ordinance 26.4)
6. To consider any matters relating to the Boards referred to or delegated to it by Senate and to express opinions in such references or such other matters as seem relevant to it. (Ordinance 26.5).
7. To maintain oversight of the University's Accreditation Procedures and to receive reports from the Dean of Postgraduate Research and Faculties on proposals for new programmes and amendments to existing programmes.
8. To ensure that the business of the Board is handled in such a way that it is consistent with the University's duty to promote equality and eliminate discrimination.
9. To collaborate with Faculties in the development, implementation, and review of the University's strategies for education and research.
10. To consider reports of the Quality Review and Enhancement of Programmes and report to Senate.
11. To maintain oversight of the University's academic partnership activities, receiving reports from Academic Partnerships.
12. To receive reports from the Students' Guild and the Falmouth and Exeter Students' Union summarising issues raised in consultation with student representatives.
13. To report to Senate.
14. To meet at least termly.
15. The quorum for the attendance of members at a meeting should be half the appointed members, rounded up and must include at least 2 Faculty Directors of PGR (or nominated

Faculty academic representative).

16. Members of the Board: to represent your area (Faculty/Guild/ the Falmouth and Exeter Students' Union / Professional Service/Senate) of the University to the Faculty Board, and conversely, to represent the Faculty Board within your area.
17. To maintain oversight of PGR students and take a lead role in the University's response to the Postgraduate Research Experience Survey.
18. To analyse the performance of the Doctoral College in meeting its strategic objectives, inform any action planning, and to report back to the Research and Impact Executive Committee accordingly.

Membership – Postgraduate Research Board (Ordinance 23.4)

19. Dean of Postgraduate Research
20. The Director of Postgraduate Research from each Faculty and the University of Exeter Business School.
21. The Doctoral College/Innovation, Impact and Business/Research Services Faculty Partner from each Faculty.
22. A representative of the Students' Guild and a representative of the Students' Union to represent as far as possible the views of the student body of the University and to provide knowledge and expertise of the Students' Guild/ the Students' Union priorities and current student initiatives.
23. Three members of the Senate to provide a cross-institution perspective and to provide assurance to Senate of appropriate governance and conduct in relation to academic governance, quality and rigour, and that matters delegated by the Senate are dealt with accordingly.
24. Other members co-opted as appropriate to provide knowledge and expertise from their respective directorate.