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Chapter 5: Research Degrees Framework

Monitoring the Supervision of Research Students

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Policy/Procedure

Principles

Whilst the demands of the components of academic roles change over time, UCL expects the highest levels of performance from all academic staff. In terms of research student supervision for Graduate Research Degrees and the academic regulations for research degree students in the Academic Manual.

Research student supervision is an integral part of an academic role at UCL and in order to feedback on their performance in this respect and that the quality of student supervision is monitored.

The Head of Department/Division has overall responsibility for the welfare and academic progress of graduate students in the Department, including research student supervision. If a Head of Department has serious concerns about the overall quality of research student supervision being provided by a member of academic staff they may, having followed due process, withdraw the eligibility of the academic to supervise students, transfer students to other supervisors, and not allow the acceptance of new students by the individual concerned.

In the case of breakdown of relations between a supervisor and an individual research student, and in other such cases where a transfer of supervisor is desirable in individual circumstances, the Departmental Graduate Tutor (DGT), in liaison with the Faculty Graduate Tutor (FGT) and Head of Department as necessary, may arrange the appointment of a replacement supervisor.

Monitoring of research student supervision

The supervision of research students is monitored by the Departmental Graduate Tutor who

Formal Process

If there is insufficient improvement in the quality of research student supervision or if the number of problems associated with the supervision becomes significant, the Departmental