Dentistry postgraduate regulations

Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health

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Regulations for the Degree of Doctor of Dental Science (DDSc) by Research

1. A person may be admitted as a student who is
(a) the holder of the Degree of BDS of the University of at least three years’ standing; or
(b) a recognised graduate in Dentistry who holds a qualification conferring eligibility for full or provisional registration with the General Dental Council, and who at the time of registration holds an appointment as a full-time or part-time member of the established or honorary staff of the University; or
(c) a recognised graduate in Dentistry of at least three years’ standing, who holds:
(i) a qualification conferring eligibility for full or provisional registration with the General Dental Council, and
(ii) a Higher Degree from this or another University.

2. The subject of the proposed thesis, together with an outline not exceeding five hundred words of the research work on which it will be based, will be submitted to the Faculty prior to admission as a student. Such approval will require evidence that complexity, depth of study and learner autonomy have received consideration, and that completion of a substantial piece of research, or an advanced professional project is envisaged, in such a way as to make a significant or original contribution to a clinical or biomedical field of inquiry or practice. The research work may be carried out at the University or another institution approved by the Faculty.

3. The programme of research will be pursued for not less than the periods specified in Regulation 5 of the Regulations for the Degree of PhD.

4. The time-limit for the presentation of the thesis will be as specified in Regulation 7 of the Regulations for the Degree of PhD.

5. The Senate may permit a student for a Master’s Degree by research in any Faculty to become instead a student for the Degree of DDSc and may recognise as part of the period of research for the Degree of DDSc some or all of the time spent as a student for the Master’s Degree.

6. A full-time student candidate may not be awarded the Degree of DDSc unless the student has been awarded a total of thirty credits, or thirty less exemptions, in respect of units prescribed in the Regulations for the Research Training Programme. A person may not be admitted as a full-time student candidate (or be permitted to transfer to that status from candidacy for a Master’s Degree) unless (a) the student has taken units from those prescribed in the Regulations for the Research Training Programme and has been awarded at least ten credits in respect of such units or ten less exemptions; or (b) in exceptional circumstances, the student who has not yet satisfied that requirement is admitted (or permitted to transfer) subject to such condition as to satisfaction of that requirement by a specified date as the Senate may impose. A student may be exempted by the Senate from the whole or part of the requirements of this Regulation on account of credits awarded in another institution or of the student’s previous study and/or experience, or in other exceptional circumstances.