

Transfer from a postgraduate taught masters to a postgraduate research degree

A new Regulation to be inserted after 7.4.8 (c) to cover transfer from a postgraduate taught degree to a postgraduate research degree.

A number of requests each year are considered by the Research Progress & Awards Sub Panel for the transfer of a Registered Student from a Postgraduate Taught Degree to a Postgraduate Research Degree. There is nothing in the current regulations to cover this and therefore is considered as a request notwithstanding Regulations. A transfer from a postgraduate taught degree to a postgraduate research degree is already in existence and the regulation is proposed to formalise the process.

To qualify for the award of a postgraduate research degree, the student must achieve credit in all taught modules taken as part of the programme. The requirement therefore has been included for a student to have gained credit in all modules taken to the point of transfer that are to be carried over to the postgraduate research programme. For example when a student wishes to transfer from an MA to a related MPhil(B) or MRes .

It is proposed that the Regulation is included in the Section 7.4.8 Transfer between Research Degree Programmes.

Proposed New Regulation

7.4.8 (d) Transfer from a postgraduate taught Masters to a related research degree:

(i) Transfer from a taught Masters to a related research degree may be requested by the Registered Student or recommended by the Head of School at any time before completion of the taught programme provided that the Registered Student has passed all the taught elements of the postgraduate taught programme applicable to the research programme and a detailed research proposal has been submitted identifying the names of the proposed supervisors.

(ii) The transfer is subject to approval by the Senate or a delegated authority.

(iii). The time limits for the research programme will be calculated from the initial date of registration for the taught masters.