



UCL Academic Manual 2020-21

Chapter 5: Research Degrees Framework

Eligible Staff Categories for Supervising Research Students

UCL's Research Degrees Committee (RDC) has agreed the following definitive list of UCL staff categories eligible to supervise research students at UCL. Individual applications from staff to supervise research students are subject to the eligibility criteria set out in the [UCL Academic Manual, Chapter 5, Section 3: Supervisory Arrangements](#) and to the decision of the appropriate Faculty Graduate Tutor.

Grade	Description	Terms and conditions	Eligibility to Supervise Research Students: Principal/Subsidiary
Staff Category: Non Clinical Academic (ACA)			
Guidance: This category is for academic staff, Lecturer, Associate Professor and Professor. Teaching only appointments, such as UCL Teaching Fellows, must go into the teaching category.			
7/8	Non-Clinical Lecturer	Academic	Principal and Subsidiary
9	Non-Clinical Associate Professor	Academic	Principal and Subsidiary
10	Non-Clinical Professor	Academic	Principal and Subsidiary
Staff Category: Clinical (CLI)			
Guidance: This category is for all UCL clinical academic and research appointments. It should be noted that Clinical Scientists are included in the NHS Related category.			
CL7/ CL8	Clinical Lecturer	Academic	Principal and Subsidiary
CL Dentist	Dental Lecturer	Academic	Principal and Subsidiary
CL9	Clinical Associate Professor	Academic	Principal and Subsidiary
CL Dentist	Senior Dental Lecturer	Academic	Principal and Subsidiary
CL9	Clinical Reader	Academic	Principal and Subsidiary
CL Dentist	Dental Reader	Academic	Principal and Subsidiary
CCA	Clinical Professor	Academic	Principal and Subsidiary
CCA	Clinical Consultant	Academic	Principal and Subsidiary

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CLTF STR	Clinical Training Fellow	Research and Support	Needs special case for approval by Faculty Graduate Tutor
CL7/ CL8	Clinical Scientist	Research and Support	Principal and Subsidiary
CL7	Clinical Research Fellow	Research and Support	Needs special case for approval by Faculty Graduate Tutor
CL8	Senior Clinical Research Fellow	Research and Support	Principal and Subsidiary
CL9	Principal Clinical Research Fellow	Research and Support	Principal and Subsidiary
CL7	Clinical Teaching Fellow	Research and Support	Not Automatically Eligible*
CL8	Senior Clinical Teaching Fellow	Research and Support	Not Automatically Eligible*
CL9	Principal Clinical Teaching Fellow	Research and Support	Not Automatically Eligible*
Staff Category: Researcher (RES)			
6	Research Assistant	Research and Support	Not Eligible
7	Research Fellow	Research and Support	Subsidiary only, plus additional eligibility criteria (see the UCL Academic Manual, Chapter 5, Section 3: Supervisory Arrangements)
8	Senior Research Fellow	Research and Support	Principal and Subsidiary
9	Principal Research Fellow	Research and Support	Principal and Subsidiary
10	Professorial Research Fellow	Research and Support	Principal and Subsidiary
Staff Category: Teaching (TCH)			
5	Post Graduate Teaching Assistants	Research and Support	Not Eligible
	Tutors	Research and Support	Not Eligible
7	UCL Teaching Fellows	Research and Support	Not Automatically Eligible*
8	Senior Teaching Fellow	Research and Support	Not Automatically Eligible*
9	Principal Teaching Fellow	Research and Support	Not Automatically Eligible*
10	Professorial Teaching Fellow	Research and Support	Not Automatically Eligible*
Staff Category: Honorary (HON)			
	Honorary Lecturer		Principal and Subsidiary
	Honorary Senior Lecturers		Principal and Subsidiary
	Honorary Reader		Principal and Subsidiary
	Honorary Professor		Principal and Subsidiary
	Honorary Clinical Senior Lecturer		Principal and Subsidiary
	Honorary Clinical Reader		Principal and Subsidiary
	Honorary Clinical Associate Professor		Principal and Subsidiary
	Honorary Clinical Professor		Principal and Subsidiary
	Honorary Research Assistant		Not Eligible
	Honorary Research Associate / Fellow		Subsidiary only, plus additional eligibility criteria (see the UCL Academic Manual ,

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			Chapter 5, Section 3: Supervisory Arrangements)
	Honorary Senior Research Associate		Principal and Subsidiary
	Honorary Clinical Teacher		Not Eligible
	Honorary Clinical Teaching Fellow		Not Eligible
	Honorary Clin Senior Teaching Fellow		Not Eligible
	Honorary Clin Principal Teaching Fellow		Not Eligible
	Honorary Affiliates		Not Eligible
	Visiting Professors		Not Eligible
	Honorary Emeritus		Not Eligible

*For those staff categories who are 'not automatically eligible', individuals will need to make a case to their Faculty Graduate Tutor (FGT) with the support of their Department. The Department should indicate that they are willing to give the time and resources for the individual to supervise and that it is important for their career development. The FGT will also need individuals to demonstrate their research record and completion of appropriate training. Other specific assurances may be needed on a Faculty basis.

**Agreed by UCL's Research Degree Committee
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