

Academic Review and Monitoring Regulations for MBPhD Students Registered for PhD IN and AFTER September 2019



1. **Termly review** by PhD supervisors for ALL students:
Supervisors to review students quarterly and to return a report to the MBPhD Review Panel:
 - i) E Excellent
 - ii) S Satisfactory
 - iii) SC Some concern
 - iv) U Unsatisfactory

MBPhD Review Panel to review reports and follow up where appropriate

2. **Throughout the PhD registration period**, completion of the Research eLog
3. **Throughout the PhD registration period**, logging clinical activity on ePortfolio, equivalent to 6 keeping in touch events annually. We expect students to attend a mixture of ward rounds, OPD experience, bedside teaching, journal club*.

** A broad mixture of clinical experiences chosen to maintain Yr4 competencies, totalling approx. 21 hours per annum. These might include ward rounds, attendance at OPD, MDTs, bedside teaching, journal clubs and scheduled MBPhD teaching events (peer and course-organised). These should fit around PhD activities. MBPhD admin will access ePortfolios periodically to ensure students avail themselves of these activities in keeping with [GMC professional standards](#)*

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4. At **2 – 3 months** of graduate research registration, students are required to submit an outline of their research project and methods for review by the MBPhD Review Panel and for their eLogbook.
 5. At **9 – 18 months** of graduate research registration, students are examined for MPhil to PhD upgrade. The upgrade will be a two-part process involving: A) MBPhD Review Panel review at 12 months; and B) Departmental upgrade at 9 – 18 months. Students are expected to successfully fulfil both parts A and B:

A) MBPhD Review Panel review

At **12 months** of graduate research registration students are reviewed by the MBPhD Review Panel, currently:

- i) oral presentation of 5 minute duration (6 slides max) plus 10 minutes for questions
- ii) confirmation of satisfactory ePortfolio activity.

B) Departmental Upgrade*

At **9 – 18 months** of graduate registration students are examined locally by their Department, in accordance with the [UCL Regulations](#) and [Guidelines](#). Local rules will also apply.

Outcomes*:

- i) Pass and transfer registration to PhD.
- ii) Fail and retake upgrade within 6 months. Develop a work plan based on the examiners' and supervisors' comments.
- iii) Fail and withdraw from MBPhD programme. Return to Yr5 (Life Cycle) to complete course requirements for the MBBS.
- iv) Pass upgrade but student decides not to continue to PhD. An MPhil qualification will normally be awarded.

**Department to confirm outcome of Upgrade to: [MBPhD Programme Administrator](#)*

6. At **33 months** of graduate research registration (i.e. 3 months prior to scheduled return to MBBS), meeting with Medical School Divisional Tutor (via [Medical School Student Support](#)) to discuss return to MBBS programme subject to submission of thesis at 3 years and completion of the MBPhD programme in 9 years.

**Applies to students who register from 2020 onwards. Four year PhDs will not be routinely available after 2020; delay in completion will be at the discretion of the MBPhD committee.*

7. MBPhD students will not be permitted to return to the MBBS programme before submitting a thesis for the PhD examination and will not be permitted to take the final examination for the MBBS degrees before being examined for the PhD examination.

MBPhD Review Panel:

MBPhD Programme Director
Director, Division of Medicine
Faculty Graduate Tutor (Research)

Prof Áine Burns
Prof Robert Kleta
Dr Jill Norman

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