



Academic Year 2022-23

1. These regulations set out the framework within which Middlesex University (“we”, “us”, “our”) offers postgraduate research study to students (“you”, “your”, “doctoral researcher”, “postgraduate researcher”). They form part of our Enrolment Terms and Conditions, and in cases of doubt have precedence of specific individual policies. You should also read the guidance for postgraduate researchers.
2. The following regulations and policies also apply:
 - a. The University Regulations, and in particular sections F (Academic Integrity and Misconduct) and H (Student Responsibilities).
 - b. Any university research policies apply to you as a research student.
3. If there is a dispute about the meaning of these regulations, or their interpretation, the University’s Academic Registrar will be asked to decide. Their decision is final.

11. You must apply for, and be accepted by us, to register as a postgraduate researcher.
12. We may offer you a place on a degree programme different to that for which you applied.
13. In the case of research degrees where there are linked awards at level 7 (masters) and level 8 (doctoral) we will admit you to the level 7 (masters) programme.
14. If you apply to us having started, but not completed, research study at another university, we may admit you as a postgraduate researcher and exempt you from some elements of the research programme we would normally require you to complete. You will need to comply with any relevant IP conditions from the university at which you were originally registered.
15. The University's Admissions Policy and Recruitment Guidance provides further information.
16. You must enrol on an annual basis. This means confirming your contact and other details, and that you are actively undertaking study.
17. You must make arrangements which are acceptable to us for the payment of your tuition fees (this may mean, for example, confirmation from a sponsor), and ensure that your fees are paid in line with these arrangements. If you do not do this your registration will be withdrawn.
18. If you need a visa to study in the UK but do not have one, we may withdraw your registration.
19. You may transfer from one research degree programme to another research degree programme provided that
 - a. You have demonstrated a satisfactory level of academic performance
 - b. You meet the conditions of entry for the new programme
 - c. The relevant Faculty Research Committee (or equivalent) has agreed
20. Within your research degree there may be taught elements and mandatory research training. These may be distinct elements of your programme or integrated within it.
21. Your programme will have check-points, at which you will need to demonstrate that you are making sufficient progress to continue with registration, and at which we may set out requirements for your continued study.
 - a. If you are registered for the MPhil-PhD degree programme, or the MProf-DProf degree programme, or the ArtsM-ArtsD degree programme, you will initially be registered on a conditional basis. Your ongoing registration will be confirmed at a review in line with the timetable set out in paragraph 34 below.
 - b. Every year there will be an Annual Progress Review – see paragraph 30 below – to which you must contribute. If we do not think that you are making sufficient progress, we will let you know and set targets; if you do not meet these targets your registration will be ended and you will no longer be able to complete your postgraduate research with us.

49. In order to be awarded the qualification for which you are registered you must pass all of the required assessments and fulfil any other specific conditions.
50. [This paragraph applies only to MProf/DProf students first registered before January 2022]. Where your programme contains taught elements for which credits are awarded, you will be assessed in those elements within the relevant taught programme regulations.
51. [This paragraph applies only to MProf/DProf students first registered before January 2022]. You may not undertake the final assessment for your award until you have successfully completed all prior assessments required by the programme.
52. You must follow our expectations for research integrity in your assessment, including:
 - a. The need to gain ethics approval for your research
 - b. To meet all the requirements expected of ethical research and ethical academic practice
53. Your submission must be in line with the guidelines for postgraduate research study for your particular degree.
54. To be awarded a master's degree you must demonstrate:
 - a. a systematic understanding of knowledge, and a critical awareness of current problems and/or new insights, much of which is at, or informed by, the forefront of your academic discipline, field of study or area of professional practice
 - b. a comprehensive understanding of techniques applicable to your own research or advanced scholarship
 - c. originality in the application of knowledge, together with a practical understanding of how established techniques of research and enquiry are used to create and interpret knowledge in your discipline
 - d. conceptual understanding that enables you:
 - i. to evaluate critically current research and advanced scholarship in the discipline
 - ii. to evaluate methodologies and develop critiques of them and, where appropriate, to propose new hypotheses
55. To be awarded a doctoral degree you must demonstrate:
 - a. the creation and interpretation of substantial new contributions to knowledge and/or practice through original research of a quality to satisfy peer review, extend the forefront of the discipline, field or sector, and merit wider dissemination
 - b. a systematic acquisition and understanding of a substantial body of knowledge which is at the forefront of one or more academic disciplines
 - c. the general ability to conceptualise, design and implement a research project for the generation of new knowledge, applications or understanding at the forefront of the discipline, field or practice, and to adjust the project design in the light of unforeseen emerging considerations
 - d. a detailed understanding of contemporary complexity and of research approaches relevant to the focus and context of the research and most likely to produce new knowledge contributions to thinking and practice

56. The criteria in paragraphs 54 and 55 above are based upon the expectations for masters degrees and doctoral degrees set out in the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications (see definition of level

63. Our policy on

