Summary of Research Student Policies

Below is a summary of the University's policies that apply solely to students studying for the following awards:

- Doctor of Philosophy PhD
- Doctor of Medicine MD (Res) or MCh (Res)
- Master of Philosophy MPhil
- MA (by Research)
- MSc (by Research)
- LLM (by Research)
- PhD (by Published Work)

This summary is to be read in conjunction with the "Summary of Student Policies" which apply to all students at the University unless otherwise stated in that document.

Academic Regulations for
Postgraduate Research
Degrees

These policies should be read together. They contain a wide range of information about academic matters. They set out the University's expectations as regards student attendance, academic due diligence, and academic progress. Failure to meet these expectations may mean that you are not permitted to progress with your research degree. The policies also set out the University's rules regarding academic misconduct, such as plagiarism. Breach of these rules may result in a disciplinary process and the imposition of the academic penalties and/or expulsion.

Research Student Assessment Policies and Procedures Handbook, containing:

Conflicts of Interest Guide:

This policy sets out the rules that research students and staff must comply with regarding actual, potential, or perceived conflicts of interest.

Guide to Transferring from MPhil to PhD:

This policy sets out the expectations for students transferring from MPhil to PhD.

Annual Assessment of Progression forms:

This policy shows the forms completed by research students, supervisory teams, and research degree tutors (RDTs) for the Annual Assessment of Progression exercise

CLoK form and guide:

This policy shows how research students deposit their thesis (e-thesis) with Central Lancashire Online Knowledge (CLoK), the Institutional Repository for UCLan.

Student Declaration:

The final thesis and is a statement regarding whether any of the material has been submitted for another award or if the student has had concurrent registration for two or more academic awards.

Research Student Handbook

The Research Student Handbook contains the core information in respect of what a student can expect from a research degree programme at the University. The Handbook is designed to provide an overview of the University's policies and procedures and it is not intended to be a substitute for students being aware of all of the policies and procedures (as contained in this summary document) which apply to them during the course of their studies with the University. The Handbook contains information relating to:

- Key contacts
- The stages of a research degree
- Progression, monitoring, examining and awarding
- Changing or withdrawing from study
- Health and Safety
- Ethical considerations
- Responsibilities of research students
- Student support and communication
- Supervision and resources
- Careers opportunities
- Fees
- Complaints and appeals

Ethical Principles for Teaching, Research, Consultancy, Knowledge Transfer and Related Activities

This policy contains the key principles which are intended to protect human, animal and other living subjects as well as the environment in all activities carried out in the University. The policy sets out the ethical principles for work with human participants, animals, micro-organisms, genetic modification, chemicals, radiation, the environment, art and military weapons and contains the key considerations that must be

	taken into account when undertaking research in respect in
	any of those areas, including the process for obtaining
	consent.
e-Ethics Pack for Research	This policy sets out the process research students must
Students	follow in order to obtain ethical clearance in respect of their
	research projects. Research students should be aware that
	all research degree student projects, irrespective of the
	nature or activity involved, will need to be reviewed by their
	relevant ethics committee.
	The Ethics Checklist must be completed in order to ascertain
	whether a project requires an application for ethics approval,
	and to which committee it should be referred to. No field
	work, experimentation or work with participants can start until
	approval is granted. The questions should be completed by
	the Principal Investigator or supervisor of the proposed
	project. Where projects involve students, the Principal
	Investigator is always the supervisor/Director of Studies and
	never the student.
Code of Practice relating to	This policy is a statement of good academic practice and
the Supervision	incorporates the procedures relating to every stage of
Examination and	research degree programmes.
Administration of Research	
Students	
Guide to PhD (by Published	This policy sets out the expectations for students studying for
Work)	a PhD (by Published Work)
Accompanying Information	These policies applies to research degree applicants. There
and Conditions of Offer for	is one Offer Pack for Home/EU applicants and a second Offer
Research Students	Pack for International applicants.
(Home/EU) and	
(International)	
Research Training Brochure	This policy shows what training and development is available
	to research students, how to access it, and how our training
	provision aligns with the Researcher Development
	Framework.