The supervisor and the Institution

Marie Murphy
A small team of professionals dedicated to:

- Engagement with prospective postgraduate students
- Admissions support and PAC management
- Mentoring and support for current postgraduates
- Graduate skills modules development and delivery
- Postgraduate liaison with Departments and services
- New programme administration and course updates
- Postgraduate recruitment & marketing activities
- Development & management of postgraduate scholarships
- Postgraduate policy and committee administration
Supervisory arrangements in MU

• Sole supervisor
• Co-supervision
• Supervision by a primary and secondary supervisor
• Supervision by a supervisory team

• Joint supervision across departments in Maynooth University
Stages of the PhD Journey in MU

- Initial Meeting Record
- Annual Progress Review year one to four
- Writing Up

- Perfectionism
- Falling motivation
- Frustration
- Uncertainty
- Low self-confidence
- Procrastination
Department Research Student Progress Committee

Research students will be monitored by a Departmental Research Student Progress Committee (DRSPC).

The aims of the committee are to:

• Support and enhance the supervisor/student relationship
• Monitor the progress of doctoral students
• Provide advice and support both to you and to your student
• Full details are available on https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/university-policies/academic
Administrative Progression: Initial Meeting Record

Purpose of Initial Meeting Record:

– Opportunity to design unique programme for student
– Identify modules that will enhance the student’s research programme
– Identify modules that students will take in year one
– Agree Calendar of Meetings
– Records the attendance on the Induction Programme
– Ensures that the candidate is aware of University regulations and policies
– Programme is approved by the Departmental Research Progress Committee
Administrative Progression: Annual Report

• Departments are required to review annually the progress of research students. The review is carried out by the Departmental Research Progress Committee (DRSPC) and signed off by the Head of Department/Director of Institute and the Principal Supervisor and uploaded for June exam board.

• In addition, the marks and/or grades for generic skills, transferable skills, specialist and DRHEA modules taken by these students should also be uploaded and will be presented to the June Exam meeting for approval.

• **Research Masters and PhD Credit Waivers and Course Variations**
# Credits Required

## Structured PhD: Taught Credits Required

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In brief.... Your Programme

Inter-University Modules

Subject Specific Modules

Transferable Modules

Entrepreneurship & Innovation
Networking
Statistical Methods
Communication Skills
Career Management

Project Planning
Team working & Leadership
Research Skills & Awareness
Ethics & Social Understanding
Grant Management & Compliance
Personal Effectiveness/Development

Discipline Expertise
Synergy with Peers
In-depth Knowledge of Subject
Expansion of Inter-disciplinary Knowledge
Policies (relating to Research Students)

- PhD regulations (Sept 2016)
- PhD by publication (Sept 2016)
- Roles and responsibilities
- Route of Progression Research Masters
- Guidelines for development of Dual Joint Research Programmes - February 2015
- Degree of Doctor
- European Doctorate - February 2015
- Code of practice for Viva Voce examination (updated January 2015)
Other relevant policies

- Registration form for occasional students
- Convictions Policy
- University Safety Policy - Health and Safety Office
- Research Ethics and Consent Form
- Freedom of Information Act and Data Protection
- Inventions and Patent Policy
- MA Degree by Examination
- MSc Degree by Examination

External Policies
- Irish University Quality Board Guidelines
Supervisory Policy

Roles and Responsibilities

- Student
- Supervisor
- Departments/Centres/Institutes
- Registrar
- Dean Of International & Graduate Studies
- Examiners
- Academic Council
- Faculty
- University
Funding: Internal

Schemes subject to change on annual basis, subject to Academic Council’s approval

2018-19 Provisional Schemes

- **John & Pat Hume Scholarship** – application based competition for new entrants to PhD programme;
- **Taught Masters Bursaries** – application based competition for new entrants to Taught Masters;
- **Taught Masters Entrance Scholarships** (Eilis Murray) – prize to Maynooth University graduate who achieves the highest overall 1st Class Honours among all taught masters applicants in department.
Supervisory Training

The Graduate Studies Office will coordinate additional supervisor training during the academic year 2017-18.

The sessions will cover three main areas:

• Preparing to supervise and optimising student recruitment 30 November 2017
• Making progress 15 February 2018
• Completion, the Viva and beyond 26 April 2018
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