

**City Graduate School needs, plans and achievements in relation to research and enterprise**

One of the requirements of the Research and Enterprise Committee is to:

*keep under review the research and enterprise needs, plans and achievements of Schools and University Interdisciplinary Centres, with particular regard to measurable aims, management processes and the organization of research into appropriate groupings, with a view to maximizing the University's position in comparative assessments of research and enterprise*

The Research and Enterprise Committee has asked the City Graduate School (along with the academic Schools) to provide a brief, one page report outlining the needs, plans and achievements in relation to research and enterprise, with particular regard to measurable aims for noting at its next meeting on 28 October 2015. The City Graduate School works closely with Student and Academic Services and has drafted its 2015/16 annual plan in association with the Departmental Plan for Student and Academic Services. Key objectives of the City Graduate School (in partnership with colleagues) for 2015/16 include:

Objective	Summary actions	Measure of success
1. Creation of action plan to increase research degree completion rates	Support Schools in the implementation of existing research degree policies and processes and implementing good practice and revision of Senate regulations where necessary	Increase in research student completion rates to support University submission to next REF exercise
2. Development of mechanisms to increase research student publication of their work	Identify and promote potential funding opportunities for research students nationally and internationally	Increase in number of publications/presentations including those joint between research students and staff to support University submission to next REF exercise
3. Redesign and develop Graduate School Marketing and Communications Strategy including website	Ensure potential doctoral projects and research student success stories are more visible online, through links from City Graduate School website to information in Schools	Increase in recruitment of research students and enhance research environment to support University submission to next REF exercise
4. Embed Doctoral Researcher Development Framework	Identify and promote availability of advanced doctoral training opportunities across the University and secure recurrent funding for skills training	Clear research and enterprise skills training opportunities available to doctoral students, early career researchers and other relevant academic staff
5. Take forward City Graduate School projects under the Education and Student Strategy	Draft project proposal on "Doctoral Supervision Teams" and scope proposed project for the development of a "PGR peer/professional mentoring scheme" for consideration and approval	Clear roles and responsibilities for first and second supervisors and research students and professional development support for staff and students.

The Research and Enterprise Committee is asked to:

1. **note** the 2015/16 objectives, actions and measures of success for the City Graduate School