

Guideline for New Research Students

Supervision

Each student will be assigned a first and second supervisor. All students should see their first supervisor on a weekly basis. A weekly progress report should be completed by the student before each meeting. The student is expected to ensure that such progress meetings take place. If a student has severe difficulties or problems with supervision and they cannot speak to their first supervisor they should contact their second supervisor. All students will be assigned a specific research project and will be expected to prepare a research project plan and survey report within the first month of their research project.

Presentations

All students are expected to give presentations on the progress of their projects on a monthly basis. Each presentation should last no longer than 15 minutes. The presentations will be made to other research students and staff within the group. Presentations are expected to be given in English using Microsoft PowerPoint Presentation. All students are expected to attend presentations by invited speakers as part of their research studies.

Dissertation

Every student is required to submit a dissertation in order to fulfill the requirements of a research degree. Detailed guides for preparing such dissertations are available for research students.

Publications

Successful MPhil research students are encouraged to publish at least one journal paper during an MPhil research project. PhD research students are expected to publish a number of journal papers during their research projects. Research students are also eligible for funding to attend project related conferences in order to present details of their research projects.

Continuation

Although it is hoped that students will complete their MPhil research projects within one year. All students are allowed to register with Brunel University on a continuation basis if they need to do so.

PhD Transfer

Outstanding MPhil research students can transfer to a PhD. The student will be required to prepare and submit a PhD transfer document, which will be reviewed by a group research panel. The panel will review the document and decide if the student is a suitable PhD candidate. A guide to preparing a PhD transfer document is available.