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“Looking at Examples of Good Practice from the
QAA’s Special Review of Research Degrees
Programmes”

Institutional arrangements and the Research
environment

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Profile

- City University London for the Business and the Professions
- Rated excellent at international/national level in:
 - Music
 - Arts Policy
 - Business
 - Information Science
 - Law
 - Optometry
- Approximately 8% of Postgraduate student body are PGR students
- Research degrees typology within which a range of research degree types are offered

Institutional arrangements

Key features

- An institutional framework for quality and standards that supports the strategic aims of the University and diversity of provision
- University-level management of RDP through the Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research and the Deputy Academic Registrar's Team balanced with local-level arrangements
- Governance systems that enable an appropriate level of University oversight together with local-level operations

Institutional arrangements

Commendations

- Management of the balance between central and local provision
- Procedures for validating RDPs at partner institutions

Developments

- Revised Handbook for Research Students
- Introduction of research section of Academic Handbook
- Review of University research degree administration
- Introduction of centralised repository for research student management information

Research Environment

Key features

- University Research Strategy
- Quality of research activity within the University
- University Funding opportunities
- University initiatives in support of RDP students
- Specific activities at School level
- Research Ethics framework

Research environment

Commendations

- The engagement of Schools across the University in compiling the report itself through the provision of feedback from Schools on local provision

Developments

- Online community of research students through WebCT
- Enhanced training provision for research staff and students in light of Roberts recommendations
- PRES survey 2006