The Work of the Examinations Group

The Graduate Board reports directly to the Senate. It works through several Central Groups, for example:

Programmes of Study and Audit Group

the Examinations Group

Faculty Graduate School Committees

The Examinations Group has a Chair and a representative of each of the 9 Faculties.

It meets 7 times a year.

In 2006-2007 513 research degrees were awarded.

The Examinations Group

reviews all Examiners' reports on individual students;

reviews any issues of policy raised by Examiners (the report form provides a separate section for these issues);

monitors, annually, the pass, referral and failure rates for all research degrees and reports to the Graduate Board;

Reviews the supervisory teams for all students who are referred or failed and initiates an investigation if a discernable pattern arises.

The Examination Group sends its monitoring reports to:

The Graduate Board

Relevant sections to Faculty Graduate School Committees for comment

Issues then reviewed by the Chair of the Graduate Board (the Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research) and appropriate action taken

Interdisciplinary Research

Provision for, and integration of, interdisciplinary research

Displayed in all Faculties

Research Institutes and Centres (with agreed University funding mechanisms)

Examples:

Institute of Medieval Studies

Institute for Post-Colonial Studies

Leeds Humanities Research Institute

Centre for Self-Organising Molecular Systems

LIGHT (Leeds Institute for Genetics, Health and Therapeutics)

Interdisciplinary Doctoral Training Centres

Examples of successful bids for funding:

Life Science/Physical Sciences Interface (EPSRC)

Tissue Engineering (EPSRC – recently awarded)

Wellcome Trust Studentships (5 a year) (programme recently approved for renewal).

Regional Interdisciplinary Collaboration

Nanotechnology (MSc) (with Sheffield)

“White Rose” Life Science/Physical Sciences Interface

“White Rose” PhD Studentships (jointly supervised) since 1997. (12 studentships each year).

Creative Arts

AHRC Collaborative Studentships (9 awarded)

Centre for Practice led research in the Arts (CePRA)

Dare – a collaboration with Opera North