

## COLLEGE OF MEDICAL, VETERINARY & LIFE SCIENCES

### Guidelines on Published Work

PhD by Published Work is an exceptional route to a higher degree aimed at individuals who provide clear evidence of independent, scientific and original research. It is not available to those who are already in possession of a research doctorate. It is expected that those applying for candidature will have undertaken a cohesive body of research extending over a period of more than five years. In order to be eligible as a candidate for the degree by Published work, applicants must be a graduate of the University of Glasgow, a member of staff or a former member of staff.

The academic quality of works submitted for consideration will be carefully considered by the Graduate School Board, which will make an appropriate recommendation concerning acceptability of the *prima facie* case. The relevant Divisional Postgraduate Convener will consider all cases in the first instance.

#### General guidelines

1. The thesis should be a scientific discussion of a clear topic or topics which have been published and have a clear cohesion.
2. The content of the papers should be the result of original observations.
3. At least five publications in journals of acknowledged high standing in the field, three of which must be first author papers, are expected.
4. Multiple author papers can be accepted provided that the author has been a leading contributor to the papers submitted. This will normally involve first or senior authorship of the papers submitted.
5. No paper should have been submitted for examination for another degree.
6. In the case of individuals whose publications arose from work at other institutions, confirmation may be requested from those institutions that the work was undertaken by the individual submitting the request, that there were no conditions attached to the work and that it was not submitted by any other individual for a higher degree.

#### To submit for consideration of a *prima facie* case

1. Check regulations relating to eligibility.
2. Submit a letter of explanation to the Graduate School Administrator confirming eligibility in relation to the regulations, indicating where the work was done and with whom.
3. Submit a summary (500-1000 words) which should be an adequate and informative abstract of the work.
4. Submit abstracts of papers.
5. Submit declaration of personal contribution to the papers with signed statements of acknowledgement from co-authors where appropriate.
6. Submit an up-to-date curriculum vitae.
7. Submit confirmation for another institution, if applicable, that the work was done

#### To submit for examination

1. The papers may be submitted as photocopies of papers or as bound reprints.
2. The thesis should include an explanatory dissertation (approximately 2,000-5,000 words) showing the relationship between the various studies and placing the whole work critically into perspective with the current state of knowledge in the field of investigation to which the candidate's researches are related.
3. A summary (500-1000 words) which must be an adequate and informative abstract of the work should be bound into the thesis.
4. The submission should consist of 3 copies of the each of the following:
  - the thesis which may be soft bound;
  - the summary.

**Format of the examination**

The thesis will normally be submitted for examination to one internal and one external examiner. A Board of Examiners will be convened by a senior academic in the discipline concerned. The Board of Examiners will normally require the candidate to present himself or herself for oral examination on the subject matter of the work. The oral will normally take place within three months of submission of the thesis.

*Higher Degrees Committee, February 2004*

