



Guide to Applicants: PhD Degree under Special Regulations

1. The University of Cambridge may award the PhD Degree under the Special Regulations to a graduate of the University who is eligible to apply for the Degree and who has submitted published work which, in the opinion of the Examiners, gives clear proof of a significant contribution to learning, for example through the discovery of new knowledge, the connection of previously unrelated facts, the development of new theory, or the revision of older views. The standard required for the PhD Degree under the Special Regulations is the same for the PhD Degree awarded to a Postgraduate Student on the submission of a thesis embodying the results of three years of research. A candidate for the PhD Degree under the Special Regulations must also satisfy the Examiners at an oral examination.

2. Regulation 5 of the Special Regulations for proceeding to the Degree of Philosophy requires a candidate for this degree to state in their application the Faculty or other Institution with a Degree Committee with which they consider that the subject of their contribution to scholarship is most nearly connected. If the candidate wishes to discuss a proposed application before submitting it, this should be done informally with a person of suitable standing in the University. A list of the Faculties and Departments of the University will be found at the end of this Guide.

3. The evidence submitted in support of an application for the PhD Degree under these Regulations should comprise of a list of the published works submitted; two copies of those published works; and a short introductory summary of between 1,000 and 5,000 words summarizing the rationale behind the work submitted, the extent to which the works constitute a consistent body of research and the original contribution to knowledge they make.

4. It is open to the candidate to submit such published works as they think appropriate in support of the application, and consideration of the application will be restricted to the copies of the works that the candidate decides to submit. Additional works submitted after the candidate has been notified that the application is complete and has been forwarded to the appropriate Degree Committee for consideration will not be accepted.

5. When a candidate submits work published jointly with others, they should use the introductory statement to elaborate on their own contribution to such work. An Examiner may ask the Secretary of the Postgraduate Committee to invite a candidate to submit further evidence as to the extent of the candidate's contribution to such works.

6. The following documentation is not acceptable: works not yet published, including proofs of papers not yet published; references to works, whether published or not

published, of which copies are not submitted; reviews of the candidate's publications; a c.v.

7. For the purpose of the Special Regulations for the PhD Degree, the Postgraduate Committee normally regard work as published only if it is traceable in ordinary catalogues, and only if copies of it are obtainable at the time of application, or were obtainable at some previous time, by members of the general public through normal channels. Memoranda and reports of Government Departments and the like are not submissible unless they have actually been published, in the sense of the Committee's interpretation of the word, however wide circulation they may otherwise have had. Work published electronically is submissible, provided it does not fall within the categories of work indicated as insubmissible in this and the previous paragraph, and provided also that hard copies of the material are supplied.

8. A candidate is required by the Regulations to submit three copies of the list of published work mentioned in paragraph 3 above, and two complete sets of the works on which their claim to the Degree is based and two copies of any statement made by the candidate in support of the application. The works should be numbered, and the list should correspond exactly with those works. Candidates considering the submission of published work in the form of separate papers, such as reports, are requested not to have these separate papers bound together.

9. Candidates should note that consideration of an application for the PhD Degree may take as long as a year and, possibly, longer. Candidates are also reminded of the requirement for an oral examination.

The following table shows how Departments are affiliated to Degree Committees

Degree Committees	Departments and Institutions for which the Degree Committee is responsible
Archaeology, Anthropology and Sociology	Archaeology Biological Anthropology Social Anthropology Sociology
Architecture and History of Art	Architecture History of Art
Asian and Middle Eastern Studies	Asian and Middle Eastern Studies
Biology	Animal Health Trust Babraham Institute, BBSRC Biochemistry European Bioinformatics Institute Genetics MRC Cognition and Brain Sciences Unit MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology MRC Mitochondrial Biology Unit MRC Toxicology Unit National Institute of Agricultural Botany Pathology Pharmacology Physiology, Development & Neuroscience Plant Sciences Psychology Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute Wellcome Trust Stem Cell Institute Zoology
Business and Management	Judge Business School
Classics	Classics
Clinical Medicine and Veterinary Medicine	Cambridge Institute for Medical Research Clinical Biochemistry Clinical Neurosciences CRUK Cambridge Institute Haematology Medical Genetics Medicine MRC Cancer Unit MRC Biostatistics Unit MRC Epidemiology Unit MRC Mitochondrial Biology Unit Obstetrics and Gynaecology Oncology Paediatrics Psychiatry Public Health and Primary Care

	Radiology Surgery Veterinary Medicine
Computer Science and Technology	Computer lab
Divinity	Divinity
Earth Sciences & Geography	British Antarctic Survey Earth Sciences Geography Scott Polar Research Institute
Economics	Economics
Education	Education
Engineering	Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology Engineering
English	Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic English
History	History
Land Economy	Land Economy
History and Philosophy of Science	History and Philosophy of Science
Law	Institute of Criminology Law
Mathematics	Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics Pure Mathematics and Mathematical Statistics
Modern and Medieval Languages	French German and Dutch Italian Linguistics Slavonic Studies Spanish and Portuguese
Music	Music
Philosophy	Philosophy
Politics and International Studies	Centre for African Studies Centre for Development Studies Centre for Latin American Studies Centre for South Asian Studies Politics and International Studies
Physics and Chemistry	Cambridge Crystallography Data Centre Chemistry Institute of Astronomy Materials Science and Metallurgy Physics