Doctoral Training Strategy Committee (DTSC)

From UCL’s Research Strategy 2011

“The recruitment and training of high-quality early career researchers are critical to a university’s long-term success. These individuals can generate vibrancy and vitality in UCL’s academic life today, with many becoming the leaders of tomorrow.”

From Council White Paper 2011-2021

“A key feature of a research-intensive university is the extent of its postgraduate provision. UCL has deliberately increased the proportion of postgraduate students in recent years, and we remain committed to the policy commitment of the Council’s 2004 White Paper, Designing a 10-year strategy for UCL, to establishing parity between undergraduate and postgraduate student numbers.”

“postgraduate research students: despite their relatively low numbers, they are essential to the development of the research base, the future academic community and researchers in business and industry. They are central to the research culture and community at UCL.”

“A particular focus will be the development of strategic and innovative programmes – such as four-year PhD and EngD programmes and centres for doctoral training – especially at the interface between disciplines. Cross-disciplinary awards will be used to encourage research students to strengthen their research in areas other than their primary discipline.”

Terms of Reference

The aim of the Doctoral Training Strategy Committee is ensure appropriate alignment of Faculty plans to UCL Strategy and appropriate consistency of provision for doctoral students, whilst supporting Faculties in their academically-led planning for doctoral student provision and support.

Specifically, the Group is charged to:

1) Advise the Pro-Provost of the Doctoral School on matters relating to doctoral education at UCL.
2) Oversee the development and implementation of the institutional level Doctoral Education Strategy.
3) Oversee the Faculty Doctoral Planning Process to ensure Faculty plans and delivery of support for all research students (MPhil/PhD, Professional Doctorates, MD(Res) and MRes programmes) align with strategic aims and policies.
4) Discuss internal and external developments pertinent to doctoral education and how these can feed into UCL policy and practice. Encourage the sharing of best practice in doctoral education within UCL and externally.
5) Monitor reports from UCL DTPs/CDTs and host meetings of the Directors of these programmes to encourage coordination.
6) Monitor research student related service provision by key UCL Professional Services Departments (for example, CALT, OD, Student and Registry Services).
Membership

Doctoral School

Professor David Bogle, Pro-Provost (Doctoral School) (Chair) \textit{ex officio}
Ben Colvill, SEO (Doctoral School) \textit{ex officio}

Office of the Vice-Provost Research

Dr Andrew Clark, Director of Research Planning \textit{ex officio}

3 Senior Academic Staff Members Representing each of UCL’s Schools

SLASH: Professor Alison Diduck, Faculty of Laws
BEAMS: Professor Nick Tyler, Civil, Environmental and Geomatic Engineering
SLMS: Dr Dave Spratt, Faculty Graduate Tutor Medical Sciences, Eastman Dental Institute
Institute of Education: Professor Andy Tolmie

Appropriate Research Student Representation

1 research student representative appointed by the Chair in consultation with the Students’ Union

Secretariat and Reporting Line

Secretary – PA to the Pro-Provost (Doctoral School)

The DTSC reports to the Vice-Provost (Research)