

Researcher Training Strategy Committee (RTSC)

Terms of Reference

The aim of the Researcher Training Strategy Committee is ensure appropriate alignment of Faculty plans to UCL Strategy and appropriate consistency of provision for doctoral students and postdoctoral research staff, whilst supporting Faculties in their academically-led planning for early career researchers (ECRs) provision and support.

Specifically, the committee is charged to:

- 1) Advise the Pro-Vice-Provost of the Doctoral School on matters relating to ECR development at UCL.
- 2) Oversee the development and implementation of the institutional level Doctoral Education Strategy and Research Staff Development Strategy.
- 3) Oversee the Faculty Doctoral and Postdoctoral Planning Processes to ensure Faculty plans and delivery of support for all ECRs align with strategic aims and policies.
- 4) Discuss internal and external developments pertinent to doctoral and postdoctoral development and how these can feed into UCL policy and practice. Encourage the sharing of best practice 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 researcher related service provision by key UCL Professional Services Departments (for example, Arena, OD, Student and Registry Services).

Membership

Doctoral School

Professor David Bogle, Pro-Provost (Doctoral School) (Chair) *ex officio*
Elizabeth Halton, Deputy Director (Doctoral School) *ex officio*

4 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: Professor Dave Spratt, Eastman Dental Institute
IOE: Professor Andy Tolmie, Institute of Education

Appropriate Research Student Representation

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

Secretariat and Reporting Line

Secretary – Adnan Ali, Executive Officer (Doctoral School)

The RTSC reports to the Vice-Provost (Research)