



## Research Degree Supervision: The Supervisory Team

All PGRs are allocated a supervisory team, by the Academic School, when they are offered a place to study for a research degree. The offer letter gives details of the supervisory team which:

- will comprise a minimum of two supervisors;
- at least one of whom must hold a doctorate;
- at least one of whom must have previously successfully supervised one or more PGRs from registration through to completion or one entire research degree cycle. Supervisors who have not supervised an entire cycle must undertake Unit 1 of the PG Cert Research Degree Supervision;
- will have expertise in the relevant subject or discipline area of research and knowledge of those methodologies and skills required for the research;
- may also include an external supervisor who may be a subject or methodology specialist. The external supervisor may NOT be the first supervisor.

Wherever possible, the first supervisor should have both the experience and qualification and will have overall responsibility for the PGR, including responsibility for:

- the direction of the research programme;
- all administrative matters related to the registration.