Starter Review for new Doctoral Researchers

A pdf of this form, and the researcher's Research Outline, will be sent to the Director of Doctoral Studies.

This form is completed at the Starter Review interview by the doctoral researcher and his/her supervisors.

A. Doctoral Researcher details

Doctoral Researcher's Name	
Researcher's email address	
Department	
Supervisor's name(s)	
Are the current supervisor percentages appropriate?	
If no, please detail changes requested	
Funding Source	
Other Funding Source	

B. Questions for discussion

1) Is the doctoral researcher devoting sufficient time to study (5 days/week full-time; 3.5 part-time)

If you have answered "Below Expectations", please provide a brief explanation for your appraisal and suggest specific actions that the Doctoral Researcher and you can take to address the issues. 2) Is the doctoral researcher making good progress?

2a) In this box you can give a brief explanation for your appraisal and suggest specific actions to improve progress. This is mandatory where you have answered "As expected . . . ", "Requires improvement" or "Unsatisfactory", but encouraged in all cases.

3) What is the level of the doctoral researcher's written language skills?

3a) In this box give a brief explanation for your appraisal and suggest specific actions to improve writing skills. This is mandatory where you have answered "Requires improvement" or "Unsatisfactory", but encouraged in all cases..

4) What is the level of the doctoral researcher's oral communications skills?

4a) In this box give a brief explanation for your appraisal and suggest specific actions to improve oral communications skills. This is mandatory where you have answered "Requires improvement" or "Unsatisfactory", but encouraged in all cases.

5) Does the Doctoral Researcher display the attitude and commitment required for PhD/MPhil study?

5a) If you have answered "Neutral", "Unlikely" or "Very unlikely", please provide a brief explanation for your appraisal and suggest specific actions that the student and you can take to address the issues.

6) Does the Doctoral Researcher currently have the necessary (academic, practical, and personal) skills to complete the research successfully?

If you have answered "Neutral", "Unlikely" or "Very unlikely", please provide a brief explanation for your appraisal and suggest specific actions that the student and you can take to address the issues.

7) Consider the doctoral researcher's training: academic, professional and transferable skills. He/she should have provided you with a copy of their initial TNA form. Do the current training arrangements meet both the needs of the researcher and the departmental requirements, and are there any recommendations for further training?

8) Please comment on the doctoral researcher's Research Outline. Does it explain the motivation and scope of the research? Does it contain a plan for the next 12 months?

9) Comments or suggestions. Do you have any further comments or suggestions regarding the progress of the Doctoral Researcher so far?

C. Meeting date and signatures

Date of the Interim interview	
Doctoral Researcher (signature)	
Main Supervisor (signature)	
Second Supervisor (signature)	