UNIVERSITY OF HUDDERSFIELD RESEARCH STUDENT CHARTER

Our Mission: “To be an inspiring, innovative University of international renown.”
Our Aims: “To strengthen and enhance our research capability.”

Postgraduate researchers are recognised and valued as essential to the overall strategy to develop high-level research and are members of the academic research community at the University of Huddersfield.

The Postgraduate Researcher Charter is not only a description of the minimum standard of provision and expectation but also a two-way pledge of commitment.

University

From the University a postgraduate researcher can expect:

• supervision by a team appropriately qualified in the student’s research area
• meetings with his/her supervisor on a regular, scheduled basis
• fair, formal assessment of progress with appropriate and timely feedback
• appropriate advice and support at all stages of the research project
• to be assigned a PGR mentor
• postgraduate researchers will be provided with the facilities and workspaces appropriate to the needs of their project as agreed at the point of acceptance, and of the individual as agreed to be appropriate by their supervisory team, including any specialist resources that are required in their research
• access to appropriate skills training including research and generic skills training both on-line and face-to-face, teaching assistant preparation, research methods, information management training
• the opportunity to attend research seminars
• the opportunity to engage with an external audience
• access to advice on the range of IT-based systems, services and facilities provided by the University
• access to advice on the identification and use of information resources and services
• access to the library, laboratories, studios and computing services as appropriate
• access to postgraduate careers progression and advice
• to receive opportunities to provide feedback on his/her student experience via questionnaires, surveys, student forums and meetings
• student representation in relevant forums at all levels of the University
• access to, and information on, the University’s Regulations, policies and procedures
• to have grievances addressed in a timely and professional manner. The normal practice is for students to raise any concerns with their supervisor(s) and/or mentors initially. Unresolved issues should be taken to the School’s Director of Graduate Education and thereafter to the Dean of the Graduate School
• the opportunity to attend conferences/workshops to present research as part of their training during their registration period, at the University’s expense. Suitable conferences will be identified in consultation between the researcher, the supervisory team, and the Director of Graduate Education

Student/Researcher

The University expects a postgraduate researcher to:

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• accept ultimate responsibility for his/her research project
• maintain contact with his/her supervisor(s) and communicate any problems

• ensure that his/her thesis is submitted on time in accordance with the appropriate guidelines
• ensure attendance and negotiate planned absences in advance
• take responsibility for his/her personal development including maintenance of a training needs analysis, personal development plan and attendance at induction and appropriate skills training courses
• familiarise himself/herself with the Postgraduate Handbook and ensure it is kept up-to-date from the appropriate web resource
• participate in School research seminars
• generate appropriate research outputs and lodge them in the University Repository
• contribute to the collegial, intellectual and social life of the research community
• use the opportunities available to feedback on his/her experiences
• pay all fees on-time and ensure continuous registration
• respond to requests without unnecessary delay
• take full advantage of the opportunities afforded by their position in the University, participating in the culture of knowledge creation and dissemination based upon critical enquiry, debate and self-motivation

Vice-Chancellor on behalf of Senate

SU President on behalf of the Students' Union

Professor Bob Cryan

Ms Sabrina Hussain