Programme Learning Outcomes for PhD Programmes

Knowledge and intellectual abilities
*The knowledge, intellectual abilities and techniques to carry out excellent research.*
On completion of the programme, research students should have shown evidence of being able to:

- demonstrate a thorough knowledge of the literature and a comprehensive understanding of methods and techniques applicable to their own research
- discover, interpret and communicate new knowledge through original research of publishable quality which satisfies peer review

Personal effectiveness
*The personal qualities, career and self-management skills required to take ownership for and engage in professional development.*

On completion of the programme, research students should have shown evidence of being able to:

- apply a significant range of advanced and specialised skills and be able to act autonomously in the planning and implementation of research
- practice a proactive, self-critical and self-reflective approach based on research and develop professional relationships with others where appropriate
- demonstrate leadership and originality in tackling and resolving problems and issues, through communication and working effectively with others

Research governance and organisation
*The knowledge of the standards, requirements and professional conduct that are needed for the effective management of research.*

On completion of the programme, research students should have shown evidence of being able to:

- present and defend original research outcomes which extend the forefront of a discipline or relevant area of professional practice
- critically and creatively evaluate current issues, research and advanced scholarship in the discipline
- manage complex ethical and professional issues and make informed judgements on ethical codes and practices

Engagement, influence and impact
*The knowledge, understanding and skills needed to engage with, influence and impact on the academic, social, cultural, economic and broader context*

On completion of the programme, research students should have shown evidence of being able to:

- work collaboratively with all stakeholders to create, develop and exchange research knowledge to influence and benefit society and the economy

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