

## 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*  
Ben Colvill, 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)