



# Royal College of Art

## **RCA Research Degrees Committee (RDC)**

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The College Research Degrees Committee (RDC) has delegated responsibility from the College Research and Innovation Committee (RIC) to provide academic guidance and strategic oversight for all matters related to doctoral education. The aim of RDC is to conduct business to ensure the College provides an environment for the successful completion of research projects by PGR Candidates. It has a strategic, policy and procedural role.

RDC meets four times a year each academic year and reports to the College Research and Innovation Committee (RIC) and Academic Standards Committee (ASC).

The RDC will:

1. Recommend policy regarding research degree matters.
2. Reviews and maintains regulations regarding research degrees.
3. Provides updates and recommendations to the College Research and Innovation Committee and the Academic Standards Committee.
4. Support the implementation of institutional objectives related to doctoral education.
5. Champions and promotes the work of the Doctoral Provision within the College and outside.
6. Ensures the maintenance and enhancement of the standards and quality of research degrees and report any suggestions for development to ASC.
7. Gives consideration to the quality of the institutional research environment for postgraduate researchers and the development of the doctoral community.
8. Provides leadership on matters related to equality, diversity and inclusion in doctoral education at RCA in particular through consideration of equality and diversity monitoring data.

9. Considers data from internal and external surveys (e.g. Postgraduate Research Experience Survey) and to monitor the mechanisms for candidate feedback, the analysis of feedback received and the actions taken.
10. Approves nominations of external examiners for all research degrees and recommends this to the Academic Standards Committee.
11. To consider proposals for new research degree award designations and to submit recommendations to R&I Committee.

## **Membership**

- **Head of Doctoral Programmes (Chair)**

Professor Hala Mansour

- **Schools Postgraduate Research Leaders**

Professor Teal Triggs

Professor Rachel Garfield

Professor Ashley Hall

Professor Ines Weizman

- **Research centres leaders for PGRs**

Dr Bruna Petreca

Dr Ali Asadipour

Dr Cyriel Diels

Dr Melaine Flory

Dr Sina Sareh

- **Registry Representatives**

Jernej Mozic, Quality Assurance Manager

Maria Ohlson, Assistant Registrar Assessments and Visa Compliance

- **Head of Research Development**

Susan Hamilton

- **Head of Knowledge Exchange**

Tatiana Schofield

- **A representative of Research Degree Supervision - (Staff) - TBC**

- **A representative of PGRs - (Student) - TBC**

- **Research Degrees Administration.**

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