Annex O: QA Arrangements for Validated Programmes of Research

1. Validated programmes of research are subject to the requirements of this Code of Practice in full. However, since the internal committee structures of institutions offering validated programmes may not be consonant with those of the University, the operation of this code may vary on those programmes.

2. The operation of Quality Assurance arrangements on validated programmes may feed into the University’s structures at one of two points:

   2.1. at the level of the School Graduate Studies Committee;

   2.2. at the level of Graduate School Board.

3. Where the interface with University systems is at the level of Graduate School Board, the institution offering the validated programme will establish a Research Degrees Sub Committee which will, for the purposes of this code, be remitted with the authority of a Faculty Board of the University. Membership of this Committee must include a member of Graduate School Board and a member of the Office for Quality Assurance and Validation should be in attendance.

4. The Pro Vice-Chancellor with responsibility for research will deem which of the two models is most appropriate for a given programme.

5. This decision will be formalised in the programme’s validation agreement, but may be reviewed at the request of either the University or the Institution.