

Research Plan Confirmation (RPC) - Guidance Notes

All research students are required by the Department to draw up and agree a formal research plan with their supervisors within the first three months of registration. This consists of a provisional thesis title, names of the 1st and 2nd supervisor, name of the assessor, and a short abstract of the research topic identified in consultation with the 1st supervisor. Your supervisor is required to discuss your progress with you and to sign the report. The student must submit, through CATE, as a minimum requirement, a single A4 page (in .pdf) including the above information and signed by the supervisor. The submission is done by uploading the .pdf file in CATE, as part of the module 611 (Research Plan Confirmation (RPC)).

The 3-month report aims to ensure that you and your supervisor are engaging in an coherent programme of work, and allows the Postgraduate Tutor and 1st year Mentor to monitor your initial period of study. You will be provided with an opportunity to have a meeting with the Postgraduate Tutor or 1st year Mentor.

In summary, the following is a list of what you must include in the RPC:

- title of your research topic
- name of your 1st supervisor and 2nd supervisor
- name of the independent assessor
- short abstract of the research topic
- list of key literature papers
- signature of your 1st supervisor