



## SPURGEON'S COLLEGE APPEALS PROCEDURE: RESEARCH DEGREES

### Transfer from MPhil to PhD

Candidates are permitted to appeal against a decision of a progression panel not to recommend that they be transferred from MPhil to PhD, or to recommend that their transfer is deferred pending further work.

Candidates should lodge their appeal in writing with the Director of Postgraduate Research.

The Director of Postgraduate Research will re-convene the original progression panel, together with a further subject specialist and an external member of the College's Academic Board, neither of whom have had prior connection with the candidate's work. If having received notice of the need for a reconvened panel more than half its members think it appropriate, they may invite the candidate to make a further presentation.

The enlarged panel will reconsider the initial decision and whether to uphold or overturn it. In the event of difficulty reaching a decision, the verdict of the external member of the College's Academic Board shall be decisive.

If the candidate wishes to challenge the revised decision, they have the right to appeal to the University according to its procedures currently in place, which may be obtained through the College's Director of Postgraduate Research or Academic Registrar.

### Outcome of Examination

Any appeal against the verdict of the examiners following a *viva voce* examination is only permitted in certain cases and must be lodged with the University according to its procedures currently in place. Details may be obtained through the College's Director of Postgraduate Research or Academic Registrar.

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