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Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Director of Postgraduate Research, on the advice of the relevant Dean of School, shall appoint three external expert examiners in the relevant discipline(s) and an independent chair from amongst senior University academic staff with Research Centre membership.</li> <li>• The examiners may require a candidate to present themselves for a viva voce examination.</li> <li>• The examiners shall recommend by unanimous decision to the Postgraduate Research Award Board whether the candidature merits the award against the criteria laid down in the Regulations, the principal of which is that the candidate must be judged to be a leading international researcher in the field of study who has made significant, original and distinguished contributions to that field.</li> </ul>
Appeal	<p>A candidate shall have the right to appeal against the decision of the University, through the Postgraduate Research Awards Board. Such an appeal should be lodged under the University's 'Academic Appeals Procedure'.</p>