

BASELINE ENTITLEMENT FOR POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH STUDENTS

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As a minimum, all research students should normally expect to receive the following as part of their package of study at Teesside University:

1. An assigned supervisory team, with an identified Director of Studies and other supervisors and or advisors to support specific aspects of the project, as defined at the point of registration and reviewed annually.
2. At least one formal supervisory meeting each month, with a member of the academic supervisory team to discuss progress and offer personal support, advice and guidance on the research.
3. Holiday entitlement consistent with that of University academic staff (currently 35 days, plus statutory holidays for full-time and pro-rata for part-time), agreed in advance with the Director of Studies (students in receipt of a stipend will be entitled to continue to receive that during holidays).
4. Free access to the University's suite of doctoral training modules/course materials offered through Research & Innovation Services and linked to the national Researcher Development Framework.
5. Free attendance on other specialist Undergraduate or Postgraduate taught modules offered by the University/School to support their study needs and/or career aspirations (subject to availability, capacity and normally up to a maximum of 30 credits per year).
6. Full access to the University's student support services and Student Union including student sports and leisure facilities career and professional development support with an assigned Careers Adviser, Student Health, Counselling, and Disability services
7. Provision of all general consumables and pre-agreed expenses associated with conducting the project, including costs incurred in undertaking field work, surveys etc.*
8. Relevant training on the use of appropriate technical/laboratory equipment and/or on-line resources, including certification of competence where appropriate.
9. Free use of University technical facilities/laboratories (subject to availability, successful completion of necessary training, and any relevant health and safety requirements).*
10. Support of University technical staff and workshops, etc.*
11. Free access to Library, on-line resources subscribed to by the University, and inter-library loan facilities where required.*
12. Free access to University photocopying and printing facilities for production of thesis, interim drafts, progress reports and research materials (subject to reasonable use and copyright restrictions).
13. Free access to Microsoft Office package and personal email account.
14. Access to and use of desk, computer and lockable storage.
15. A contribution of £500 towards the costs of attending and presenting research findings at a relevant conference, or towards the costs of publication (once over the life of the research degree).

*Subject to reasonable use and necessary for the completion of the planned and approved programme of work.