

## **No Detriment Policy and PGT Dissertations/Major Projects**

Due to the disruption caused by COVID-19 the College has been working hard to implement measures, including a 'No Detriment' Policy, to help students progress and complete in the face of COVID-19 challenges. The following approach has been developed and agreed by the College in relation PGT dissertations/major projects and COVID-19 disruption:

1. Following discussion with your Dissertation/Project Supervisor/Personal Tutor PGT you may be able to defer if it is determined that you will not be in a position to submit your work for assessment by the published deadline. If a deferral is agreed the relevant fees will be readjusted to reflect this. Departments have been advised to set an appropriate and clear deadline that is communicated to students so that you can confirm your intention to defer.
2. PGT Students who submit their PGT dissertation/major projects but consider that their performance has been affected adversely by their current circumstances should complete a [mitigating circumstances form](#). Boards of Examiners will consider individual mitigating circumstances and the generic COVID-19 disruption caused to all students in line with the 2020 Guidance for Boards of Examiners and the existing College Mitigating Circumstances Policy and Procedure.
3. Students who have passed their PGT dissertation/major project can accept their mark or opt to be reassessed without academic penalty on a new topic PGT dissertation/major project for an uncapped mark. You should discuss their situation with your Dissertation/Project Supervisor/Personal Tutor in the first instance. As detailed in the Common Award Scheme Regulations, the relevant Sub-Board of Examiners will determine and approve the timing and format of the reassessment that will take place. Please note that the next reassessment opportunity would not take place until 2021 which would delay completion of the programme and graduation date. Where a student opts to retake a new topic PGT dissertation/major project, a fee will apply unless there are accepted mitigating circumstances (see section 14 of the [College Fees Policy](#)).
4. Students who have submitted and failed their PGT dissertation/major project and students who did not submit their PGT dissertation but have had mitigating circumstances accepted to explain the reasons for this can either:
  - a. Have the original topic dissertation/major project reassessed for a capped mark. Students would be progressed as exam only and there would be no fee associated with this. You should discuss your situation with your Dissertation/Project Supervisor/Personal Tutor in the first instance.

- b. Accept the failed mark or opt to be reassessed without academic penalty on a new topic PGT dissertation/major project for an uncapped mark. You should discuss your situation with your Dissertation/Project Supervisor/Personal Tutor in the first instance. As detailed in the Common Award Scheme Regulations, the relevant Sub-Board of Examiners will determine and approve the timing and format of the reassessment that will take place. Please note that the next reassessment opportunity would not take place until 2021 which would delay completion of the programme and graduation date. Where a student opts to retake a new topic PGT dissertation/major project, a fee will apply unless there are accepted mitigating circumstances (see section 14 of the [College Fees Policy](#)).
5. Students who have failed as a result of not submitting their PGT dissertation/major project and do not have any accepted mitigating circumstances can have the original topic dissertation/major project reassessed for a capped mark. Students would be progressed as exam only and there would be no fee associated with this. You should discuss your situation with your Dissertation/Project Supervisor/Personal Tutor in the first instance.