

## **Research Academic Representation Forum (RARF):**

The Research Academic Representation Forum (RARF) is a collaboration between the Union and the Graduate School.

It is designed to enable the Union and Graduate School to have regular conversations with PGR representatives about College-level concerns and queries in relation to research degrees.

It is also designed to enable effective sharing of current policies, procedures and practices in relation to research degrees as well as providing PGR representatives with updates to PGR student support services.

RARF- complements Faculty and Departmental Postgraduate Research Staff Student Committees which deal with local matters in relation to research degrees.

### Purpose/Remit:

1. The purpose/Remit of the Forum-RARF shall be:
  - a. To act as a forum for discussion of matters relevant to the Education of Postgraduate Research students.
  - b. To facilitate campaigning to promote the Union's Policies within the remit of Research Academic Representation.
  - c. To serve as a community of support for PGR representatives in which they can pose questions and share concerns.
  - b.d. To share best practice, and the latest developments with respect to policies, procedures and support for research degrees.

### Membership:

2. The Non-Voting Membership of the Forum shall be:
  - a. The Officer Trustees
  - b. The Postgraduate Research Academic and Welfare Officers (AWOs)
  - c. The Postgraduate Research Representation Chair
  - d. The Postgraduate Research Departmental Representatives
3. Forum meetings will be open to all Full Members of the Union to attend. Members who are interested in attending should contact the Chair for an invitation.

### Structure:

4. The Deputy President (Education) shall chair the Forum.
5. A Teams Channel shall accompany the Forum.

4.6. The Forum shall meet termly, through a hybrid format of MS Teams and in person.

Powers:

5. The Forum shall not have decision-making powers.