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| Option for Viva exams by video conference | Enabled PGR students to complete their course, despite Covid restrictions | Alleviated potential anxiety caused by delays in final examinations due to the pandemicPostgraduate Vivas by VCExecutive Office | **Goal:** To allow Postgraduate students to have their Viva exams by video conference, during the pandemic restrictions**Submitted by:** Jackie Deacon**Project:** Implement a new process and create guidance for PGR students to have their Viva exams by video conference rather than waiting until face to face exams can be resumed.**Benefit to:** PGR students

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| ****Key message: Hold Viva exams by video conference****  |
| Swiftly arrange a new process for Viva exams due to lockdown restrictions coming into effect in March 2020 |
| Prepare guidance and create an application form for the process |
| Communicate new option to students, who can choose to engage or wait for face to face exams to resume |
| Allow PGR students to continue to complete their course during the pandemic |
| **Project delivery**  |  |
| Guidance and an application form for the new process were created at the start of lockdown |
| All PGR students approaching the end of their course were offered the chance to have their Viva exam by video conference |
| More than 20 students agreed to the process, which prevented significant delays in their final examination |
| The option helped to alleviate potential stress and anxiety caused by the impact of the restrictions |

**Impact:**  All students who were offered the video conference option chose to take it. It is anticipated that this will continue during the on-going pandemic restrictions. External examiners praised the speed with which the new process was implemented.  |