

## Review Principles

- The primary purpose of quality assurance is to review and to effect improvement in the University's teaching, research and out-reach activities. To achieve this, a rolling programme of formal reviews will be instituted, building on the sequence of reviews begun in 1992. The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) will be responsible for monitoring all aspects of this process and will regularly report to the Vice-Chancellor.
- Review will involve reviews of teaching and research programmes, as well as of the University's policies and systems for assuring quality. Some reviews may be of a Division, Faculty, Centre or other administrative unit. Some may concern the entire University.
- Each aspect of the University's operations will be reviewed at least once every five to seven years, with the process initiated by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) or upon the request of a particular group.
- Before a review begins, a budget will be determined, staff will receive training in the preparation of reviews, and access to useful sources of information and administrative support will be provided.
- The starting point for any review is the preparation of self-review materials.
- Each review will be in the form of a peer assessment by a panel comprising University staff as well as colleagues external to the University and members of relevant employer groups and professional bodies.
- Each such panel will conduct its inquiries on-campus and submit a written report to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), who will discuss any recommendations with the Vice-Chancellor.
- The University will give serious consideration to a panel's recommendations, implementing all those within its discretion and resources.

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