

Stage 1 Academic Appeal (Doctoral) form

Before completing this form, please read [University Regulation 17](https://www.bath.ac.uk/publications/regulations-for-students-2023-24). This form and further guidance are available online via the guide to [appealing against an academic decision](https://www.bath.ac.uk/guides/appealing-against-an-academic-decision/).

Instructions

* Use this form if you are a doctoral student appealing an academic decision relating to your programme (e.g., the outcome a progress review, progression to and confirmation of PhD registration, the outcome of your final viva voce examination).
* Complete Sections 1 to 5 of this form. The document is protected but you can add text where stated.
* Sign and date the form (section 6).
* Confirm the list of evidence you are submitting (section 5). It is very important that you provide all the relevant evidence available to you when you submit this form. **Your submission must contain all the details and evidence that you wish to be considered as part of this appeal process**.
* Submit this form no later than 14 calendar days after you were notified of the academic decision against which you are now appealing (this will have been by email to your University email address). Requests received after this deadline will not normally be considered.

Appeal evidence requirements

**You must provide evidence that is available to you to make as clear a case as you can when you submit your academic appeal**. Your submission must contain all the details and evidence that you wish to be considered as part of this appeal process. This evidence should confirm what happened, and when. You will not normally have any further opportunity to present your case or provide further detail beyond the information you provide in this appeal form and the evidence you submit.

We recognise that evidence you are hoping to provide to support your appeal may be available later than the 14-calendar day deadline. If you need longer to provide evidence, you should make this clear (section 5) providing the reason you have not been able to provide the evidence sooner and a date by which the late evidence will be provided.

For details about the evidence you will need to submit with your form, please read the section on [appeal evidence requirements](https://www.bath.ac.uk/guides/appealing-against-an-academic-decision/#appeal-evidence-requirements) in the guide to appealing against an academic decision.

Advice and assistance

You should seek advice on your case before submitting this form, as detailed in the [support](https://www.bath.ac.uk/guides/appealing-against-an-academic-decision/#support) section of the guide to appealing against an academic decision.

Submitting your appeal

Submit your completed form and supporting evidence to the Chair of the Board of Studies (Doctoral) [doctoralcollege@bath.ac.uk](mailto:doctoralcollege@bath.ac.uk). Receipt of your completed form and evidence will be acknowledged by email to your University email address.

# 1. Your Details

**Student number:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Preferred First Name:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Formal First Name:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Surname/Family Name:**  Click or tap here to enter text.

**Contact phone number:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**University of Bath email address:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Alternative email address:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Department or School:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Programme:** Click or tap here to enter text.

## **Disability Access Plan (DAP)**

If you have a Disability Access Plan (DAP) and would like this included as evidence in the consideration of your academic appeal, please select this checkbox. The Disability Service will then be asked to share your DAP with staff considering your academic appeal (who may be outside of your academic department/School).

## **Contact details for friend or advisor**

If, as a part of this appeal process, an appeal hearing or meeting is required you may be accompanied by a friend or adviser.

Select this checkbox if you intend to ask the University Independent Advisor Service for doctoral students to be your adviser if you are invited to attend a hearing or meeting.

Select this checkbox if you intend to ask SU Advice & Support to be your adviser if you are invited to attend a hearing or meeting.

Details of your friend or adviser

Full Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Telephone number: Click or tap here to enter text.

Contact email address: Click or tap here to enter text.

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# 2. The decision you are appealing

You can only appeal academic decisions taken by a Board of Studies.

**Select the appropriate checkbox(es) to** **indicate the academic decision(s) which you are appealing:**

my suitability to progress from one stage of my programme to the next.

my suitability to remain on my programme.

the classification of my award.

the marks/grades, degree, certificate, or diploma awarded to me.

You are reminded that Stage 1 Academic Appeals must be submitted within 14 calendar days of notification of the academic decision you are now appealing.

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# 3. Desired outcome

Please indicate the desired outcome of your appeal (e.g., annul examination outcome and permit an additional opportunity to undergo the assessment)

It is helpful to understand what you are hoping will be the outcome; please note however that an academic appeal cannot result in a new academic decision which is not permitted by the University regulations which govern your programme. This will be explained to you as relevant to the outcome of your case.

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# 4. Grounds for your appeal

An academic appeal can be made on one or more of the following four grounds.

Please note that dissatisfaction with a mark or set of marks, or any other aspect of the properly exercised academic judgement of the examiners, will not of itself be acceptable as a valid ground for an academic appeal.

**Please indicate, by selecting the appropriate checkbox(es), and provide details of the grounds for your appeal.**

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1. There exist circumstances affecting the performance of the candidate of which the Board of Examiners have not been made aware

**I am appealing on these grounds.**

If you are appealing on these grounds, please answer the following questions with the detail you wish to be considered:

**What were the circumstances which you believe impacted your performance in the assessment?**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Which assessment was affected by these circumstances?**(e.g., the outcome of a progress review or final viva voce examination - please include dates of submission/exam)

Click or tap here to enter text.

**How did these circumstances impact your assessment?**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Why were you unable to disclose these circumstances at the time of your assessment?**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**What evidence are you submitting to support your answers to these questions?**

Click or tap here to enter text.

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1. There were procedural irregularities in the conduct of the examinations or formal programme assessment (including administrative error) of such a nature as to cause reasonable doubt whether the Board of Examiners would have reached its decision had the irregularities not occurred.

**I am appealing on these grounds.**

If you are appealing on these grounds, please answer the following questions with the detail you wish to be considered:

**What were the procedural irregularities which you believe impacted your assessment?**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Which assessment was affected by these procedural irregularities?**  
(e.g., the outcome of a progress review or final viva voce examination - please include dates of submission/exam)

Click or tap here to enter text.

**How did these procedural irregularities impact your assessment?**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**What evidence are you submitting to support your answers to these questions?**

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1. There is positive evidence of prejudice, bias, or inadequate assessment on the part of one or more of the examiners.

**I am appealing on these grounds**.

If you are appealing on these grounds, please answer the following questions with the detail you wish to be considered:

**What is the prejudice, bias, or inadequate assessment which you believe you have positive evidence to demonstrate?**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**What occurred that demonstrates this prejudice, bias, or inadequate assessment?**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Which assessment was affected by this prejudice, bias, or inadequate assessment?**  
(e.g., the outcome of a progress review or final viva voce examination - please include dates of submission/exam)

Click or tap here to enter text.

**How did this prejudice, bias, or inadequate assessment impact the assessment?**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**What evidence are you submitting to support your answers to these questions?**

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1. There were genuine academic differences in philosophical approach or paradigms which had not been apparent when examiners were appointed on the recommendation of the Board of Studies.

**I am appealing on these grounds**.

If you are appealing on these grounds, please answer the following questions with the detail you wish to be considered:

**What are the genuine academic differences which you believe impacted your assessment?**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**Which assessment was affected by these academic differences?**  
(e.g., the outcome of a progress review or final viva voce examination - please include dates of submission/exam)

Click or tap here to enter text.

**How did these academic differences impact your assessment?**

Click or tap here to enter text.

**What evidence are you submitting to support your answers to these questions?**

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# 5. List of evidence you are submitting

Select the appropriate checkbox(es) to indicate what evidence you are submitting in support of your academic appeal. You must provide evidence that is available to you to make as clear a case as you can when you submit your academic appeal.

Please note the [evidence requirements](https://www.bath.ac.uk/guides/appealing-against-an-academic-decision/#appeal-evidence-requirements) described in our academic appeal guidance.

For documents written in a language other than English, a translation into English should normally be provided.

Please ensure that all attachments are readable in the format as submitted.

​ Medical evidence, e.g., certificates, letters, prescriptions for medication

​ Police case/incident number

​ Documents relating to a bereavement

​ Email or other correspondence

​ Programme documentation

​ Assessment feedback reports

​ Other (please specify below)

Click or tap here to enter text.

If you have been unable to provide evidence within the timescales for submitting an academic appeal, please explain why and a date by which the late evidence will be provided.

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# 6. Declaration

*Any personal information which is received in the course of dealing with your academic appeal will be treated as confidential. Such information will be kept, used and shared, where necessary and appropriate with other members of University staff (or where relevant the Office of the Independent Adjudicator), only for the purpose of investigating and determining the outcome of your appeal.*

**I declare that to the best of my knowledge all the information I have supplied is true, accurate and complete**.

I have obtained consent to submit any evidence originating from other parties.

**Signature or typed name:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Date:** Click or tap to enter a date.

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