	Actions	Status
Research Infrastructure	*There are high levels of satisfaction here.* • To continue to advocate at University-level for clarification and development of research infrastructure for PGRs in the Humanities • To continue to promote the availability of desk space in the Hardiman Research Building • To actively monitor PhD researchers' needs as the new Library Building takes shape	Ongoing Ongoing In progress
Supervision	*Levels of satisfaction are very high here.* • To maintain levels of support, contact, feedback and guidance • To continue encourage new supervisors to familiarise themselves with University, College, School, and Discipline guidelines • To continue to promote CELT training on supervision	Ongoing
Research Culture	*PhD researchers would benefit from opportunities to discuss their research with others both across and beyond the School* • To continue to promote and support the SEMCA PhD Symposium • To encourage attendance at seminar events, including those run by other Schools and Colleges • To promote the SEMCA writing and research group • To develop staff and student understanding of practice-based PhD opportunities	Ongoing In progress In progress In progress
Progress and Assessment	*Satisfaction is very high here, with some opportunity in the area of clarifying assessment procedures for final project* • To continue to encourage PhD researchers to familiarise themselves with University and College policy on research degrees • To actively inform taught MA students about PhD pathways and funding opportunities throughout the year • To continue to monitor the implementation of the mini-viva • To encourage discussion of the *viva* in GRC meetings • To maintain and update the School PhD handbook	Ongoing Ongoing In progress Ongoing
Research Skills	*Satisfaction is very high here.*	Ongoing

	• To highlight generic skills modules that are available as part of the Structured PhD • To encourage engagement with Researcher Development Centre resources	
Other Transferrable Skills	*Responses here are mixed. Of particular benefit would be supports for the development of networks* • To encourage the use of the Personal Development Plan to identify and address needs around transferrable skills • To continue to advocate for University-level supports for travel funding and seminar-hosting • To recognise the difficulties of developing contacts and networks for an early career researcher, and to encourage supervisors to facilitate introductions in on-campus events where possible, and off-campus as appropriate	In progress Ongoing Ongoing
Responsibilities and Supports	*Satisfaction is high here, apart from in relation to awarness of student supports.* • To continue to disseminate information on relevant student services and student-led social networks in local inductions and in the PhD Handbook	Ongoing
Personal Outlook	*PhD researchers largely feel that their research degree programmes are worthwhile. However, work-life balance, satisfaction with life within the institution, and day-to-day support are areas needing improvement.* • To continue to engage the PhD representative to attend SEMCA board meetings to represent the PhD voice • To continue to encourage supervisors to introduce new students to their GRC, and to link them in with PGR Representatives • To encourage discussion of work-life balance at GRC • To continue to foster PhD communities through induction and the annual symposium, mailing lists, and PhD researcher internal communication channels	Ongoing Ongoing In progress Ongoing
Funding	*The majority of SEMCA PhD researchers are self-funded; this percentage is likely to increase under new Research Ireland eligibility requirements* • To continue to encourage funding application discussion as part of the PDP and the GRC	Ongoing

	• To continue to advocate for the reinstatement of the Galway Doctoral Fellowship	
Development Opportunities	*PhD researchers are to be commended for actively availing of relevant development opportunities* • To continue to encourage supervisor and supervisee to identify journals with a record of publishing graduate work • To continue to encourage publication as part of the PDP and GRC • To continue promote appropriate public scholarship outlets and associated trainings • To continue to promote CELT training opportunities	Ongoing
Career	• To continue to highlight alternative career paths in School-level induction	Ongoing
Overall Experience	• To continue to have a PhD representative at SEMCA board meetings • To seek regular feedback and input from PGRs via their representative	Ongoing