



The MRS Diploma in Market & Social Research Practice:

Unit 5 Chief Examiner x 2

The MRS Diploma has been an established MRS Qualification for over 40 years and is an entry route to CMRS, the senior MRS membership grade that recognises academic achievements as well as career experience.

The MRS Diploma is designed for experienced research practitioners working in the areas of commercial market and/or social research, either within research agencies or client-side research departments. The overall aim of the qualification is to enable candidates to examine thoroughly the principles underlying a wide range of research practice, and to design and evaluate research practice based on a firm understanding of those principles.

The MRS Diploma comprises 5 units, each of which is individually assessed. In order to be awarded the qualification, all candidates must complete successfully:

- units 1,2 & 5
- either unit 3 or unit 4

The aim of Unit 5 is to enable participants to develop a holistic understanding of how problems can be solved with the aid of research-based intelligence. As a synoptic unit drawing on the learning outcomes addressed in units 1 – 4, it focuses on the integration of the various stages involved in a research project, and further develops the participant's abilities to analyse and assess those stages and the success of the project overall. In addition, it is designed to allow participants to develop their understanding of the processes from a research management perspective, thus enabling them to assess from both a theoretical and a pragmatic standpoint the fitness for purpose of the approaches taken in the projects being reviewed.

The assessment for this unit requires candidates to examine and evaluate decisions made at different stages within the research process, from the initial brief to the recommendations made as a result of research findings, and/or to propose potential alternative solutions to those provided.

The Role of Joint Chief Examiner (JCE) x 2

To apply you must have either CMRS or FMRS status.

There are two Diploma assessment rounds per year in June & December. The role includes the development, in consultation with MRS Qualifications, of two sets of assessment materials each year plus the assessment of the candidate scripts.

We are looking to recruit 2 Chief Examiners for Unit 5 of the MRS Diploma, as the role best operates as a joint role - with an active practitioner and academic in place as Joint Chief Examiners (JCE). The active practitioner sources and refines the case materials and the academic develops the assessment questions. Both JCEs assess candidate scripts.

For more information on the MRS Diploma please click [here](#)

The JCE Roles are paid on a modest honorarium basis. If you are interested in applying for the role please email a copy of your CV with covering text to samantha.driscoll@mrs.org.uk by Friday 14th September 2018.