

Medals and Awards with Distinction Schedule



1 Purpose

To provide the criteria for awarding medals and Awards with Distinction.

2 Scope

This schedule must be read in conjunction with the Award Eligibility and Graduation Policy and is subordinate to it.

3 Schedule

The University recognises outstanding academic achievement by conferring of University Medals, Faculty Medals, and Awards with Distinction and Awards for Excellence upon eligible graduating Students.

3.1 Criteria for a University Medal

To recognise exceptional academic achievement a University may confer University Medals to the most outstanding Students who have completed the requirements of an Academic Program at Honours level.

To be eligible for the University Medal a Student must have:

- completed at the University at least 16 Units that contributed to one of the following Academic Programs:
 - a three year bachelor degree plus a one year bachelor honours degree at the University;
 - a four or more year bachelor degree (including combined degrees) with embedded honours;
 - a double degree of four or more years where one component of the degree is a bachelor honours degree.
- a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 6.6. The GPA for each Student must be calculated from all Courses completed at the University and which contributed to the Student's Academic Program.

It is expected that students receiving a University Medal normally would have achieved First Class Honours.

The Executive Deans have the sole discretion to rule on cases put forward for exceptional circumstances.

A Student may receive no more than one University Medal in a single Field of Education.

The Executive Deans will make recommendations for the award of University Medal(s) to the Vice-Chancellor for approval.

3.2 Criteria for a Faculty Medal

To recognise exceptional academic achievement, the University may confer Faculty Medals to the most outstanding Students who have completed a bachelor's degree.

To be eligible for a Faculty Medal a Student must have completed at the University:

- one of the following:
 - at least 12 Units, graded using the stratified grading system, that contributed to their three year undergraduate Academic Program; or
 - at least 16 Units, graded using the stratified grading system, that contributed to an undergraduate Academic Program of four or more years where there is no honours component; and
- a minimum GPA of 6.6. The GPA for each Student must be calculated from all Courses that contributed to the Student's Academic Program.

The relevant Executive Dean has the sole discretion to rule on cases put forward for exceptional circumstances.

A Student may receive no more than one Faculty Medal in a single Field of Education.

The relevant Executive Dean will make recommendations for the award of Faculty Medal(s) to the Vice-Chancellor for approval.

3.3 Criteria for an Award with Distinction for undergraduate Academic Programs

The University may confer Awards 'with distinction' to Students who have performed with academic excellence.

To be eligible for an Award 'with distinction' for an undergraduate Academic Program a Student must have:

- completed at the University at least eight Units, graded using the stratified grading system, that contributed to their eligibility to receive an Award of an associate degree or a bachelor's degree.

The following GPA cut-offs will determine those Students who may be eligible for an Award 'with distinction'. The GPA for each Student must be calculated from the Courses that contributed to the Student's Academic Program:

- a GPA of 6.0 shall apply for Students whose GPA has been calculated on the basis of at least 16 Units; or
- a GPA of 6.5 shall apply for Students whose GPA has been calculated on the basis of between eight and 15 Units.

The relevant Executive Dean has the sole discretion to rule on cases put forward for exceptional circumstances.

The relevant Executive Dean will make recommendations for Awards 'with distinction' to the Vice-Chancellor for approval.

3.4 Criteria for an Award with Distinction for postgraduate Coursework Academic Programs

The University may confer Awards 'with distinction' to Students who have performed with academic excellence.

To be eligible for an Award 'with distinction' from a Postgraduate Coursework Academic Program, a Student must have:

- completed at the University at least eight Units, graded using the stratified grading system, that contributed to their postgraduate Coursework Academic Program.

The following GPA cut-offs will determine those Students who may be eligible for an Award 'with distinction'. The GPA for each Student must be calculated from the Courses that contributed to the Student's Academic Program:

- a GPA of 6.0 shall apply for Students whose GPA has been calculated on the basis of at

least 16 Units; or

- a GPA of 6.5 shall apply for Students whose GPA has been calculated on the basis of between eight and 15 Units.

The relevant Executive Dean has the sole discretion to rule on cases put forward for exceptional circumstances.

The relevant Executive Dean will make recommendations for Awards 'with distinction' to the Vice-Chancellor for approval.

3.5 Award for Excellence in Doctoral Research

The University may confer Awards for Excellence in Doctoral Research to outstanding Students. To be eligible for an Award for Excellence in Doctoral Research a Student must achieve the highest possible result for a doctoral dissertation examination, which is a straight pass from all examiners.

4 References

Nil.

5 Schedule Information

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Relevant Legislation	
Related Policies	Award Eligibility and Graduation Policy
Related Procedures	
Related forms, publications and websites	
Definitions	Terms defined in the Definitions Dictionary

[Academic Program](#)

An approved Higher Education Award of the University, consisting of a combination of Courses the successful completion of an offering of which, together with any credit transfers and Exemptions in accordance with the relevant requirements, will fulfil the prescribed requirements for that particular Award.

[Award](#)

The qualification conferred upon a Student following the successful completion of an Academic Program. The categories of Award include: Associate Degree, Diploma, Bachelor Degree, Bachelor Honours Degree, Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma, Master Degree (both Coursework and research), Doctoral Degree (both Coursework and research) and Higher Doctorate.

[Course](#)

The basic unit of study and assessment for which a Student may be awarded a grade, and may accumulate credit units towards completion of a Program.

[Coursework](#)

A method of teaching and learning that leads to the acquisition of skills and knowledge and does not include a major research component.

[Executive Dean](#)

For the purposes of these Policies and unless otherwise defined in a specific Policy, the term 'Executive Dean' means the chief executive officer of a Faculty.

[Field of Education](#)

A classification of programs, specialisations and courses of study, with the same or similar vocational emphasis or principal subject matter.

[Grade Point Average \(GPA\)](#)

A GPA is the sum, for all relevant Courses, of the Unit value for each Course, multiplied by the numerical value of the Grades achieved in those Courses, divided by the sum of the Unit values for all the relevant Courses.

[Student](#)

	<p>A person who: has been Admitted or Enrolled in an Academic Program at the University, but has not yet graduated from the program; or has been Enrolled in a Course at the University but has not yet completed the Course.</p> <p>Unit</p> <p>This is an indicator of the value of a Course. Most Courses are valued at one Unit. Units are used to track progress towards completing a program. (The term used prior to 2002 to describe a Course)</p>
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