

Academic Medals and Awards Schedule

1 Purpose

To provide the criteria for awarding academic medals and Awards.

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 through the presentation of academic medals and awards to graduating Students who meet the criteria for these Awards.

Students who meet the criteria for outstanding academic achievement medals and Awards are identified by the relevant student administration team as part of the graduation confirmation process. Students do not need to apply for these Awards.

Exceptions to this Procedure are approved by the Provost, or nominee, for Coursework Awards and to the Dean (Graduate Research School), or nominee, for Awards for Excellence in Doctoral Research.

3.1 Criteria for a University medal

University medals are awarded to the most outstanding Students who have completed the requirements of an Academic Program at honours level.

To meet the criteria for a University medal, a Student must have:

- completed at the University at least 16 Units that contributed to one of the following Academic Programs:
 - a 24 Unit bachelor degree plus an 8 Unit end-on bachelor honours degree at the University; or
 - a 32 or more Unit bachelor degree (including combined degrees) with embedded honours; or
 - a double degree of 32 or more Units where one component of the degree is a bachelor honours degree; and

- achieved a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 6.6, calculated in accordance with the Class of Honours Schedule; and
- achieved First Class Honours.

A Student may receive no more than one University Medal in a single Field of Education, as listed on the Department of Education, Skills and Employment website.

3.2 Criteria for an Academic Excellence Award

Academic Excellence Awards are presented to Students who have performed with academic excellence in a bachelor degree.

To meet the criteria for an Academic Excellence Award, 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 24 Unit bachelor degree; or
 - at least 16 Units, graded using the stratified grading system, that contributed to their 32 or more Unit bachelor degree where there is no honours component; and
- achieved a minimum 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.

A Student may receive no more than one Academic Excellence Award in a single Field of Education, as listed on the Department of Education, Skills and Employment website.

3.3 Criteria for an Award with Distinction

3.3.1 Associate and bachelor degree

Awards 'with distinction' are presented to Students who have performed with academic distinction in an associate degree or bachelor degree. Undergraduate honours programs are not eligible for Awards 'with distinction'.

To meet the criteria for an Award 'with distinction' for an associate or bachelor degree (excluding those awarded with honours), a Student must have:

- completed at the University at least eight Units, graded using the stratified grading system, that contributed to the Student's eligibility to receive an Award of an associate degree or a bachelor's degree; and
- achieved a minimum GPA of 6.0. The GPA for each Student must be calculated from all Courses completed at the University and which contributed to the Student's Academic Program.

3.3.2 Coursework masters degree

Awards 'with distinction' are presented to Students who have performed with academic distinction in a postgraduate Coursework masters degree.

To meet the criteria for an Award 'with distinction' for a Coursework masters degree, a Student must have:

- completed at the University at least eight Units, graded using the stratified grading system, that contributed to the Student's eligibility to receive an Award of a postgraduate Coursework masters degree; and
- achieved a minimum GPA of 6.2. The GPA for each Student must be calculated from all Courses completed at the University and which contributed to the Student's Academic Program.

3.4 Award for Excellence in Doctoral Research

Awards for Excellence in Doctoral Research are awarded to outstanding Students. To meet the criteria for an Award for Excellence in Doctoral Research, a Student must have achieved a straight pass from all examiners which is the highest possible result for a doctoral dissertation examination.

4 References

Nil.

5 Schedule Information

Accountable Officer	Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs)
Responsible Officer	Associate Provost
Policy Type	University Procedure
Policy Suite	Award Eligibility and Graduation Policy
Approved Date	2/12/2024
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Relevant Legislation	
Policy Exceptions	Policy Exceptions Register
Related Policies	

Related Procedures	Assessment Procedure
	Grades Procedure
Related forms, publications and websites	Class of Honours Schedule
	Field of Education Types
Definitions	Terms defined in the Definitions Dictionary
	Academic Program
	Award
	Course
	Coursework
	Field of Education
	Grade Point Average (GPA)
	Higher Degree by Research
	Student
	Unit
	University
	Definitions that relate to this schedule only
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