

Higher Doctorate Degrees

DOCTOR OF LITERATURE (DLitt) REGULATIONS

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These regulations are to be read in conjunction with all other relevant statutes and regulations, including the General Academic Statute and General Academic Regulations.

Eligibility

- 1 A candidate for the Doctor of Literature must be:
 - (a) A graduate for the University; or
 - (b) A long standing academic staff member of the University; or
 - (c) A person who has some other long-standing connection with the University.
- 2 The scope of practice for a Doctor of Literature includes evidence of an original contribution of excellence in philosophical, social, cultural, historical, or linguistic knowledge – evidence that is considered to have international and authoritative standing in their discipline/field.
- 3 No person shall become a candidate for a Doctor of Literature until at least ten years after graduation to the qualifying degree.
- 4 Work submitted on a previous occasion for consideration of a Doctor of Literature will not be reconsidered for the degree unless more than five years have lapsed since the previous submission and the resubmission includes new material.

Application

- 5 A candidate for the degree must forward to the Dean, Graduate Research School an application accompanied by the application fee.
- 6 Every application shall consist of:
 - (a) Four copies of the published work on which the candidature is based. Books should be submitted in the form in which they are published. It is the responsibility of the candidate to submit four copies of their material in a format suitable for examination.
 - (b) Four copies of a table of contents, giving full bibliographical references.
 - (c) A signed statement by the candidate that none of the material submitted has formed part of material accepted for any degree or diploma in this or any other university, and that none of the material is concurrently being submitted for any degree or diploma in this or any other university.
 - (d) If joint work is submitted, a statement is required in regard to each piece of joint work as to the precise nature of the candidate's contribution to it (including contributions to the conception, experimentation or analysis, writing process, and administrative direction).

- (e) Four copies of a curriculum vitae indicating, at least, the date of the qualifying degree (if applicable), positions held, honours granted and other publications.
 - (f) Four copies of a proposal, not exceeding 3,000 words, describing how and why this material is thought to meet the requirements for a Doctor of Literature.
- 7 When an application for a Doctor of Literature is received, the Vice-Chancellor will nominate a senior academic staff member to appoint a Review Panel of not fewer than three persons. This Review Panel will report to the University Postgraduate Board in the following terms:
- (a) The Review Panel considers the submitted material to be worthy of examination for the degree, in which case they will recommend suitable examiners; or
 - (b) The Review Panel does not consider the submitted material to be worthy of examination for the degree, in which case they will set out briefly the points on which it fails to meet the requirements for examination.

Award

- 8 The Higher Doctorate which may be awarded is a Doctor of Literature.
- 9 A Doctor of Literature may only be awarded for a substantial collection of work which constitutes an original, substantial and distinguished contribution to scholarship, and:
- (a) indicates a record of special excellence in their original contributions in research or creative achievement;
 - (b) shows the candidate to be a distinguished leader in the relevant field; and
 - (c) provides an original and prestigious contribution to the relevant field of knowledge.

Examination

- 10 If the Review Panel determines that the examination shall proceed, the candidate's work shall be forwarded to three examiners, each of whom must be an authority of international standing in the relevant area. The examiners will:
- (a) report independently on the quality of the work according to the criteria specified in 9; and
 - (b) recommend whether or not the degree should be awarded.
- 11 If the examiners disagree on the outcome the Review Panel may:
- (a) consult with the examiners to see if consensus can be reached; or
 - (b) follow the majority decision; or
 - (c) appoint a further examiner; or
 - (d) appoint an independent referee.
- 12 On the basis of the examiners' reports, the University Postgraduate Board will determine whether the degree should be awarded. The dean, Graduate Research School will advise the candidate of the examination outcome.
- 13 The degree will be conferred at an appropriate graduation ceremony.

Re-applications

- 14 An applicant who is not permitted to proceed to examination, or who is not awarded the degree, may not re-apply for a Doctor of Literature until a period of five years has lapsed since the first application and may re-apply only once.

Provisions for Appeal

- 15 An applicant or candidate for a Doctor of Literature who wishes to appeal a decision by the University Postgraduate Board in relation to the application or examination may do so in writing to the dean, Graduate Research School.
- 16 An appeal may be made only on one or both of the following grounds:
- (a) that the process used to make the decision in relation to the application or examination was incorrect or unfair, or
 - (b) that the decision in relation to the application or examination was manifestly at odds with the information on which it was based.
- 17 An appeal lodged under this section must comprise a written statement of the circumstances of, and grounds for, the appeal, together with supporting evidence, if available, and must be lodged with the Graduate Research School not more than 21 days from the date of notification of the decision being appealed.

Variations

- 18 Notwithstanding anything in these regulations, Academic Board shall have the discretion to vary any provision set down if, in its opinion, special or unusual circumstances warrant such variation.

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- 2 The scope of practice for a Doctor of Science includes evidence of an original contribution of excellence in a branch of science that is considered to have international and authoritative standing in their discipline/field.
- 3 No person shall become a candidate for a Doctor of Science until at least ten years after graduation to the qualifying degree.
- 4 Work submitted on a previous occasion for consideration of a Doctor of Science will not be reconsidered for the degree unless more than five years have lapsed since the previous submission and the resubmission includes new material.

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