

Higher Doctorate Regulations

This Regulation should be read in conjunction with Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates (Statute No. 4)

1. The degree of Doctor of Literature, Doctor of Science, Doctor of Economics or Doctor of Veterinary Science may be awarded by the Senate on the recommendation of the Research Development Committee and Academic Council for an outstanding contribution to knowledge in one or more fields.
2. The Committee may admit as a candidate for the degree of DLitt, DSc, DEcon or DVetSc, an applicant who:
 - (a) is a graduate of the University in an appropriate field of at least five years' standing; or
 - (b) has been a full-time or fractional full-time member of the academic staff of the University for at least three years; or
 - (c) has carried out a substantial piece of research at the University.
3. An applicant for candidature shall submit to the Committee:
 - (a) a curriculum vitae;
 - (b) a summary of the applicant's work, stating the main contributions made by the work;
 - (c) a list of publications (identifying any publication which contains material for which a degree has already been awarded to the applicant);
 - (d) a statement of the contribution made by the applicant to any work of joint authorship; and
 - (e) any other material or claim in support of candidature.
4.
 - (a) Following consultation with the Dean of the appropriate School, the Committee may admit an applicant as a candidate for a degree specified by the Committee which in the opinion of the Committee is appropriate.
 - (b) An applicant who is not admitted as a candidate may not reapply until three years after the date of the previous application.
5. A candidate:
 - (a) shall submit, in addition to the material already provided, three copies of each publication listed under Regulation 3(c) and
 - (b) may submit other related unpublished material which in the opinion of the candidate supports the application. Three copies of this material shall be submitted, bound or contained in a form acceptable to the Library.
6. Following consultation with the Dean of the appropriate School, the Committee shall appoint three examiners, at least two of whom shall not be members of the staff of the University.

7. Examination shall be based primarily on published work. Each examiner shall submit to the Committee an independent report in writing on the submitted work, in which the examiner shall recommend that the candidate:
- (a) be admitted, or
 - (b) not be admitted to the degree.
8. If, after considering the examiners' report, the Committee is of the opinion that the candidate has made a contribution to knowledge at a level substantially higher than that required for admission to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy and has achieved by virtue of the submitted works, an authoritative standing in the field of knowledge in which those works fall, it shall recommend to Academic Council that the candidate be admitted to the degree. A candidate not recommended for admission to the degree may not be considered again for admission for a period of three years.

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Note: All enquiries relating to Legislation should be referred to the University Secretary's Office.