Murdoch University

Senate Medal Policy

Purpose and Scope

This policy states the University principles for the award of Senate Medals of the University.

This policy applies to all staff, students and the public.

The following groups are the audience for this policy: public, staff, students.

See also *Award of Honorary Degree Policy*.

Policy

1. The Senate Medal award is to recognise outstanding service to the University by persons for whom other forms of recognition, such as the award of an honorary degree, are inappropriate, and for whom this service is not open to recognition through the promotions process.
2. All persons, other than current members of Senate, associated with the University are eligible, provided that at the time of nomination this association has extended over a period of at least five years.
3. Normally, up to three Senate Medals may be awarded annually. These are normally awarded to individuals.
4. The Medals are primarily for current or recent staff, and members of the community, who have given effective and faithful service to the University.
5. The Medals are not just for staff near the end of their careers; they can also be for staff who have made outstanding contributions earlier in their careers.
6. The Medals are awarded by the Honorary Awards and Ceremonial Committee

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