

## Purpose and Scope

The award of University Medals recognises outstanding academic achievement by Undergraduate Students across all disciplines of the University. The University will award ten medals each year.

This policy applies to staff and students.

## Overarching Regulations

[Statute No. 5 - Academic Council](#)

## Policy

1. In this policy, terms used have the following definitions:
  - 1.1. Bachelor Award Course” is defined in the [Coursework Regulations](#).
  - 1.2. “Bachelor Graduate Entry Course” is a Bachelor Award Course that requires completion of another Bachelor Award Course for admission. Typically, this course is shorter than an Undergraduate Course.
  - 1.3. “Course” is explained in the [Coursework Regulations](#).
  - 1.4. “Grade Point Average” (“GPA”) is defined in the [Grades Policy](#).
  - 1.5. “Graduation Year” is the year a student graduates from a Course as determined by the date the student’s graduation is approved by Academic Council or the President of Academic Council.
  - 1.6. “Graduating Cohort” - for University Medals calculations the graduating cohort are those students with a graduation date between the first Council meetings of the previous and the present year.
  - 1.7. “Integrated Award Course” is defined in the [Coursework Regulations](#)
  - 1.8. “Unit” is explained in the [Coursework Regulations](#).
  - 1.9. “University Medals Selection Working Group” is a working group that meets each year to review the candidates for University Medals and recommend

University Medal recipients to Academic Council. The membership of the working group is defined in the [University Medals Procedure](#).

2. Ten University Medals will be awarded each year for outstanding academic performance by Bachelor Award Course students.
  - 2.1. Five University Medals will be awarded to the highest performing students from across the University and one University Medal will be awarded to the highest performing student of each of the five Colleges.
  - 2.2. A student can only receive one University Medal in a Graduation Year.
3. Medals are awarded to students who in that year completed a Bachelor Award Course (including a Combined Bachelor Award Course or the Bachelor Award component of an Integrated Award Course), or a Bachelor Award Course with embedded Honours that did not require an additional period of study.
4. To be eligible, a student must have:
  - 4.1. completed at least 48 points of graded Murdoch University Units, irrespective of the length of the Course (Students in Bachelor Graduate Entry courses are eligible, provided the Course is at least 48 points)
  - 4.2. achieved a graduating course Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.25
  - 4.3. had their eligibility for graduation confirmed in time for the medal round (students who, for whatever reason, have not been checked for graduation in time for consideration in the medal round for the current year will be eligible for consideration in the medal round for the next year).
5. The Medals shall be awarded by Academic Council at its first meeting of the year, on the recommendation of the President of Academic Council in conjunction with the University Medals Selection Working Group.
6. Five University Medals will be awarded to students from across the University based on percentile rank, as outlined in the [University Medals Procedure](#).
7. One University Medal will be awarded to the highest performing student of each of the five Colleges on the basis of GPA, as outlined in the [University Medals Procedure](#).
8. Award of the Medal shall be recorded on the student's Academic Transcript, on an Honour Board and on the University Website. Medallists will also receive a framed certificate, a silver Medal, and a payment of \$1,000.

## Governance

<b>Approval Authority</b>	Academic Council
<b>Owner</b>	Deputy Vice Chancellor Education
<b>Legislation mandating compliance</b>	

<b>Category</b>	Primarily academic
<b>Related University Legislation and Policy Documents</b>	<a href="#"><u>Statute No. 5 - Academic Council</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Academic Council Statement of Governance Principles</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Coursework Regulations</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Grades Policy</u></a> <a href="#"><u>Grades Procedure</u></a> <a href="#"><u>University Medals Procedure</u></a>
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