

# GRADUATION AWARDS FOR ACADEMIC MERIT

## Policy for the Award of University Medals

1. One University Medal will be awarded in each Faculty to a graduating student in a Bachelor's degree in recognition of academic excellence.
2. For the purposes of the award of the University Medal, "academic excellence" means the achievement of the highest Grade Point Average in the Faculty (see attachment on Calculation of Grade Point Average).
3. Where two or more people achieve the same highest Grade Point Average the recommending panel shall devise a means of identifying the most meritorious student to receive the University Medal.
4. To be eligible for consideration the student must have undertaken at least two-thirds of their program of study at the University and completed the degree within the minimum time for completion.
5. Where a student is enrolled in a combined degree they shall be, if their academic record merits, considered for the award of a University Medal in both faculties but may only be awarded one University Medal.
6. Nominations for a University Medal shall be made by the relevant Boards of Examiners and forwarded to the Director, Student Affairs in order of priority.
7. The recipients of University Medals will be determined on behalf of the University Council by a panel consisting of: the Vice-Chancellor (Chair); an external member of Council (appointed by Council); and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor.
8. A notation shall be made stating the award of a University Medal on the recipient's statement of academic record.
9. The panel reserves the right not to award any or all of the University Medals in any year. In any year when a University Medal is not awarded, the panel will advise the University Council accordingly.
10. The University Medals will normally be awarded at a Graduation Ceremony.

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