

REGULATION 25: HIGHER RESEARCH DEGREES

1. These Regulations apply to the degrees of **Doctor of Laws (LLD)**, **Doctor of Letters (DLitt)**, **Doctor of Music (DMus)** and **Doctor of Science (DSc)**.
2. A Higher Research Degree may be awarded only to candidates who are deemed by Senate, on the recommendation of one of its authorised sub-committees, to have made distinguished contributions to the advancement of learning.
3. The following shall be eligible to make application for a Higher Research Degree:
 - (i) graduates of the University;
 - (ii) members of the permanent faculty of the University who have been on the faculty for more than two years.

Provided that the applicants have been admitted to a Bachelor's degree not less than nine years previously, or to a Master's degree not less than eight years previously, or to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy not less than four years previously.

4. An application for a Higher Research Degree must be based, either wholly or to a substantial extent, on original published work carried out by the candidate. If the candidate desires to submit work which they have done in co-operation with others, they shall include in their application a written statement indicating precisely the share which they personally have taken in the research.
5. The work or works submitted for the degree must not have been submitted for a Higher Research Degree in any other University, and a declaration to this effect must be submitted by the candidate along with their application.
6. An application for a Higher Research Degree may be submitted at any time. Applications must be made in writing to the Dean of the Sussex Researcher School and must include a list of the works on which the candidate bases their application.
7. Senate or one of its authorised sub-committees will consider the application through the same awarding route as prescribed for Doctoral degrees. If the application is accepted, the candidate will be required to submit to the Dean of the Sussex Researcher School a digital copy of the relevant published works, and to pay the prescribed fee.
8. In keeping with University financial regulations, fees would not be payable from University-held funds.
9. Senate or one of its authorised sub-committees shall then appoint two or three examiners, at least one of whom must not be a member of the faculty of the University; provided that if the application is made by a member of the faculty of the University, Senate, or one of its authorised sub-committees may decide that no examiner shall be appointed from among the members of the faculty of the University.

10. Before making their report, the examiners may enter into discussions with the candidate about the work submitted.
11. After considering the report from the examiners, the same awarding route as prescribed for Doctoral degrees via Senate or one of its authorised sub- committees shall recommend to Senate which degree, if any, shall be awarded to the candidate.
12. Candidates have the right to appeal an examination outcome, which would be considered under the 'Appeals' section of regulation 24: Degrees of Master of Philosophy and Doctor of Philosophy.
13. A digital version of the work or works submitted by a successful candidate shall be retained in the University Library and will become the property of the University.