

APPROVED RULE CHANGES

Pursuant to the UTS By-law (Part 4, clause 44), the following rule changes have been made by UTS Council.

At its 22/3 meeting on 15 June 2022, Council approved the following amendments to the UTS Rules:

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Council resolved to:

- .1 receive and note the report as detailed in Document 5.6 - *Report from Academic Board* and its attachments; and
- .2 approve the proposed amendments to Section 12 of the Student Rules.

THE APPROVED AMENDMENTS TO THE UTS RULES ARE PROVIDED BELOW
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UTS STUDENT RULES

Section 12 — Higher Doctoral degree requirements

12.1 Higher Doctoral degrees

12.1.1 The Council has determined that there shall be the following Higher Doctoral degrees:

- (1) Doctor of Engineering (DEng);
- (2) Doctor of Fine Arts (DFA);
- (3) Doctor of Laws (LLD);
- (4) Doctor of Letters (LittD);
- (5) Doctor of Science (DSc).

12.2 Requirements for award

12.2.1 Any of the degrees referred to in Rule 12.1.1 may be conferred by Academic Board on a candidate who has to the satisfaction of the Chair of ~~Graduate Higher Degree~~ **Graduate Higher Degree** Research ~~School~~ Board (acting on behalf of ~~Graduate Higher Degree~~ **Graduate Higher Degree** Research ~~School~~ Board), made a significant original contribution to a field of knowledge and whose scholarly works exhibit, among other things, a level of originality and creativity which marks them as a major authority in his or her field.

12.3 Eligibility

12.3.1 To qualify for consideration as an applicant for the award of a Higher Doctoral degree, an applicant must:

- (1) have been a full-time academic staff member of the University of Technology Sydney for at least three consecutive years or the equivalent as a part-time academic staff member of the University or, otherwise, in the opinion of the Dean of the relevant faculty have had an equivalent connection with the University; and
- (2) hold a recognised degree from a tertiary institution; and
- (3) in the opinion of the Dean of the relevant faculty, be qualified to be a candidate for a Higher Doctoral degree by reason of eminence in learning or creative achievements.

12.4 Application

12.4.1 An applicant for Higher Doctoral degree candidature shall submit to the **Thesis Examination Committee**~~Dean, Graduate Research School~~ an application together with three copies of the published work that the applicant wishes to have **examined**~~assessed~~.

12.4.2 The **Thesis Examination Committee**~~Dean, Graduate Research School~~ shall refer the application to the Dean of the relevant faculty for a recommendation as to:

- (1) whether the applicant satisfies the eligibility criteria in Rule 12.3.1; and
- (2) whether the published work is prima facie worthy of **examination**~~assessment~~ for the degree and if so for recommendation as to **examiners**~~assessors~~.

12.5 Submitted works

12.5.1 The work submitted for **examination**~~assessment~~ for a Higher Doctoral degree must be published works of which the candidate is author or joint author.

12.5.2 In the case of works of which the candidate is a joint author, the candidate shall submit a written statement and supporting material indicating the extent of the contribution of the candidate to the works.

12.5.3 A candidate shall not submit any work for which the candidate has already been granted a degree by any university.

12.6 ~~Examination~~ Assessment of works

12.6.1 On the recommendation of the Dean of the relevant faculty **and**, the **Thesis Examination Committee**, the Dean, Graduate Research School shall appoint no

fewer than three external ~~examiners assessors~~ to ~~examine assess~~ the submitted works.

12.6.2 Each ~~examiner assessor~~ shall submit to the Thesis Examination Committee ~~Dean, Graduate Research School~~ an independent report in writing and shall recommend, on the basis of the submitted works, whether the candidate's works:

- (1) has demonstrated outstanding creative achievement or an outstanding contribution to the field of knowledge in which those works fall; and
- (2) has exhibited a level of originality and creativity that marks the candidate as a major authority in that field.

12.6.3 ~~In consultation with the Dean of the relevant faculty~~ Thesis Examination Committee, ~~the Chair of Graduate Research School Board~~ shall consider the reports of the ~~examiners assessors~~ and make a recommendation to the Dean, Graduate Research School who; and, on behalf of Graduate Higher Degree Research School Board, shall formulate a recommendation to Academic Board, upon advice of Director, Student Administration Unit, and in accordance with the [Statement of Assurance — Conferral of Awards](#) (PDF), that:

- (1) the candidate has satisfied requirements for the award of the degree as specified in Rule 12.2; or
- (2) the candidate has not satisfied requirements for the award of the degree.

12.6.4 The candidate shall be advised by the Chair of Graduate Higher Degree Research School Board of Academic Board's action under Rule 12.6.3.

12.7 Deposit of works

12.7.1 [Rule 11.22](#) applies in respect of works submitted under this section of the Rules and for which an award is conferred under this section of the Rules.