

Doctor of Letters

1. Enrolment application:

A candidate's enrolment application must —

- (a) be in writing; and
- (b) be addressed to the executive dean; and
- (c) include —
 - (i) copies of the candidate's curriculum vitae, academic record and relevant documents; and
 - (ii) a list of all published works; and
 - (iii) an overview of the material to be submitted for the degree; and
 - (iv) a statement of how —
 - (A) the material to be submitted constitutes a coherent theme; and
 - (B) contributes to the advancement of knowledge in humanities.¹

2. Enrolment requirements:

To enrol a candidate must —

- (a) hold a bachelors degree of 7 years standing; and
- (b) have completed a substantial part of the work associated with the doctorate at this University or have a connection with this University which the executive dean decides is a suitable basis for admission; and
- (c) otherwise satisfy the executive dean of the candidate's eligibility for admission.

3. Committee:

The executive dean must appoint a small standing committee of eminent and qualified persons to advise the executive dean on these matters —

- (a) admission; and
- (b) nomination of examiners; and
- (c) recommendations on the award.

4. Duration:

A candidate must be enrolled for 6 months immediately before submitting the material for examination.

5. Submission of material:

- 5.1 The executive dean may reject a submission without reference to the examiners if the executive dean decides that the submission does not provide evidence of the candidate's qualifications for the award.
- 5.2 The candidate's submission must constitute original, scholarly and substantial original contributions to the advancement of letters. The candidate must include published contributions.
- 5.3 The candidate must include a signed statement —

- (a) indicating any part of the material that is not original work and confirming the originality of the rest; and
 - (b) indicating any part of the material that has been submitted for another award; and
 - (c) that the candidate is the sole author of a substantial part of the material; and
 - (d) in the case of joint authorship, the extent of the candidate's own contribution.
- 5.4 The candidate must present 4 copies of the material to the executive dean.
- 5.5 The material must be bound and include —
- (a) a title defining the field; and
 - (b) an abstract of up to 700 words; and
 - (c) an indexed list of contents; and
 - (d) an introduction and acknowledgments; and
 - (e) the signed statement in rule 5.3.

6. Examination of material:

- 6.1 The executive dean must appoint 3 examiners external to the University to report on the material.
- 6.2 Each examiner must report to the executive dean whether in the examiner's opinion the material —
- (a) represents an important contribution to the field of knowledge to which it relates; and
 - (b) qualifies the candidate to be recognised as an outstanding authority in that field; and
 - (c) is of sufficient merit for the award of the degree.
- 6.3 After considering the examiners' reports, the executive dean may recommend the award of the degree to senate.

Endnote

1. As the highest academic award in Arts, the DLitt is designed to give formal public recognition to scholars who have made a substantial, original and distinguished contribution to the field of humanities. Eligibility for the award is assessed on the basis of published scholarly work that is judged by national and international peers to indicate the candidate's authoritative standing in the field of humanities and his or her achievements in the advancement of knowledge.