

Policy and Procedures for Conferral of Aegrotat and Posthumous Awards

SECTION 1 – INTRODUCTION AND POLICY STATEMENT

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- c. the student's research whilst studying at the University was such that it is reasonable to conclude that the student would have successfully completed the research degree programme and qualified for the award in question;
- d. it can be confirmed that the conferral of an award will not cause offence or undue stress to the relatives of the deceased, the incapacitated student or others within the University or the community.

Partner Programmes

- (8) The granting of an aegrotat or posthumous award for a student studying at a Partner Institution may be considered in cases where:
 - a. a student has died or sustained an incapacitating injury or illness that precludes the completion of the registered taught or research degree Programme;
 - b. Eligibility will be as per (6) and (7) above

Consent of Next of Kin

- (9) In the interests of courtesy and sensitivity a posthumous award should only be made with the knowledge and consent of the next of kin and/or immediate family members (or other appropriate individual).

SECTION 4 - APPROVAL OF AEGROTAT OR POSTHUMOUS AWARDS

Taught Programmes

- (10) The process for the approval of an aegrotat or posthumous award in a taught Programme should be initiated by the Assistant Academic Registrar (Assessment) and endorsed by the relevant Programme Leader and Dean of Faculty or nominee. The application should make reference to the circumstances surrounding the submission for the award
- (11) A posthumous degree shall normally be a named award, as appropriate, except in those cases where professional body requirements dictate otherwise.
- (12) If the student had completed all the assessment requirements for the award, the case should be

Research Degree Programmes

- (17) In the case of research degree programmes, the student must have completed sufficient assessable evidence to indicate that, had the death or incapacity not intervened, they would have satisfied requirements for the award for which they are registered.
- (18) In such a case, the Director of Studies may submit a recommendation to the DVC Research, Knowledge Exchange and Engagement, providing details of the work completed and the current status of the thesis.
- (19) The DVC Research, Knowledge Exchange and Engagement may/TT0 1 ta9ew2(a)3.3 (9ew2(a)3C.3 (9ew2(a)3.32

Presentation at a Graduation Ceremony

- (27) In those cases where a representative has agreed to accept the award on behalf of an incapacitated or deceased graduand, they should be invited to sit with other graduands participating in the ceremony, but given the option of sitting with invited guests if they would prefer. (See Graduation Ceremony notes on detailed procedures for presentation of an aegrotat or posthumous award at the ceremony)