

University Medals Policy

Section 1 - Purpose

(1) QUT recognises graduates of bachelor-level courses with exceptional academic achievement by awarding them with the Queensland University of Technology Medal ('University Medal').

Section 2 - Application

(2) This Policy applies to graduands completing eligible undergraduate award courses.

Section 3 - Roles and Responsibilities

Position	Responsibility
Vice-President (Administration) and University Registrar	Awards University Medals on behalf of the University Academic Board. Approves procedures for the awarding of University Medals.
Executive Deans	Recommend to the Vice-President (Administration) and University Registrar eligible graduands for the award of a University Medal.
Director, Student Administration	Manages the University Medal process.

Section 4 - Eligibility

(3) For the award of a University Medal, a graduand should achieve the minimum grade point average across all units and thesis where such is required.

(4) Eligibility to be considered for the award of a University Medal is limited to:

- graduands who have been enrolled at QUT for at least two years of full-time study or equivalent. The two years of study at QUT must be directly relevant to the course for which the medal is awarded;
- graduands of bachelor degrees of three years normal duration who have achieved a minimum overall grade point average of 6.8;
- graduands of bachelor degrees of four years normal duration, including double degrees comprised of two undergraduate courses, and graduands of 'end-on' honours degrees where performance in the related bachelor degree is also taken into account who have achieved a minimum overall grade point average of 6.7. In courses where honours are awarded, the level must be first class. In courses where honours are not awarded, the degree must be awarded with Distinction;
- graduands of bachelor degrees of more than four years normal duration, including double degrees comprised of two undergraduate courses, who have achieved a minimum overall grade point average of 6.5. Where honours are awarded, the level must be first class; and
- graduands who have not already been awarded a University Medal in the same discipline.

(5) In the case of double degree medal recipients, only one medal is awarded based on the grade point average across

both degrees.

(6) Student Administration identifies prospective University Medal recipients across the academic year, based on the criteria above, and provides this information to each faculty for consideration.

Section 5 - Number of Medals to be Awarded

(7) As the University Medal is awarded only for exceptional achievement, the proportion of graduands who may receive medals in any year should normally be not more than one per 300 bachelor-level graduands per faculty.

(8) Where the GPA (grade point average) standards of the graduating cohort across the academic year fall below the defined exceptional level (Section 4), no medal nominations should be submitted by the faculty.

Section 6 - Award

(9) The medal recognises that the recipient not only shows exceptional academic promise at the time of the award, but also exhibits an exceptional and consistent record of achievement throughout the whole of the degree.

(10) The award is a silver medallion, suitably embossed and inscribed, together with a certificate attesting the award.

Section 7 - Delegations

(11) Refer to [Register of Authorities and Delegations](#) (C135) (QUT staff access only).

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