

# **CURTIN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY**

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**Higher Doctoral Degrees**

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## **PREAMBLE**

These Rules shall apply to the degrees of

- (a) Doctor of Science; and
- (b) Doctor of Letters.

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## **1. THE DEGREES**

The degree of Doctor shall be awarded on the recommendation of the University Higher Doctoral Degrees Committee to the Council of the University. The Committee shall make a recommendation only after receiving a report from the Examiners. The report must certify that the published work is a substantial and distinguished contribution to the appropriate branch of learning, which gives the candidate an authoritative standing in the field of knowledge in which the work falls and is entitled to general recognition as such by scholars in the field.

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## **2. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

A candidate for the degree shall be either:

- (a) A graduate of the University for at least 8 years; or
- (b) A graduate of another approved university who has been a full-time member of the staff of the University and has been engaged in advanced study and research in the University for a period of not less than four years.

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## **3. HIGHER DOCTORAL DEGREES COMMITTEE**

The Higher Doctoral Degrees Committee shall be a Committee of the Council of the University and shall consist of the Pro Vice-Chancellor, Research and Development, and such other persons as the Vice-Chancellor may nominate and determine from time to time.

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## **4. WORK SUBMITTED FOR EXAMINATION**

A candidate for the Higher Doctoral degree shall submit to the Chairperson of the Higher Doctoral Degrees Committee an application, together with:

- (a) five bound copies of the publications. The publications shall have been published not less than one year before being submitted to the Chairperson; and
- (b) a declaration indicating those sections of the work, if any, which have been submitted previously for a degree or other award in any university.

Where conjoint papers are to be submitted, the candidate's contribution must be clearly specified. The degree of Doctor under this Rule shall not be awarded for conjoint work unless the candidate produces sufficient evidence indicating responsibility for the initiation and conduct or direction of the major portion of the work.

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## 5. EXAMINATION

- (a) On receiving from the Higher Doctoral Degrees Committee a report that the published work is prima facie worthy of examination for the degree and a recommendation for the appointment of Examiners, the Vice-Chancellor shall appoint at least three external Examiners of international standing in the discipline. The Examiners may require the candidate to answer orally, or in writing, any questions concerning the published work.
- (b) A candidate shall not be recommended for the Award of a Doctorate under this Rule unless all Examiners report that the work satisfies the requirements of Section 2 above.

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## 6. FEES

A candidate shall be required to pay such fees as determined by the Council.

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## 7. EFFECTS OF CHANGES IN THE REGULATIONS

A candidate shall comply with these Rules as from time to time amended or remade except that, where the Higher Doctoral Degrees Committee is of the opinion that any candidate has been or may be adversely affected by a change in the Rules since initial enrolment, the candidate may be permitted to continue under such Rules or Regulations in force at any time during the period of candidature and on conditions the Higher Doctoral Degrees Committee may prescribe.

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## 8. REPEAL OF PREVIOUS REGULATIONS

The previous Regulations governing Higher Doctoral degrees at the University shall be repealed on the date on which the Rules herein are promulgated.

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