

XV. Regulations for the Degrees of Doctor of Letters; Doctor of Engineering; Doctor of Laws; Doctor of Science in Medicine or in Dental Sciences or in Science or in Engineering or in Agriculture and Biological Sciences

***Please note that the University has paused the consideration
of any new Higher Degree submissions during the 2026/27
Academic Year.***

1. Candidates for these degrees must *either*:
 - a) hold a degree of this University (or a degree of the University of Durham, provided that they matriculated in the Newcastle Division of that University before 1 August 1963); or
 - b) be full-time members of the academic staff who have held teaching and/or research appointments in the University on a continuous full-time basis for at least seven years.

2. The degrees are awarded for work which is of high distinction and constitutes a substantial and original contribution to knowledge or scholarship in the candidate's subject. The contributions to knowledge or scholarship must either already be published or accepted for publication.

Note: for the purposes of these regulations, 'published' shall mean published in a periodical, book or report which has been available for criticism by relevant experts. Teaching text books and popular books or articles should not be submitted unless they show considerable originality of material or approach. Translations or patents are not acceptable.

3. Those intending to submit work as a candidate for any of these degrees should consult the following for advice about the form, arrangement and listing of works to be submitted: Section '[XIV Rules for the Submission of Work for Higher Degrees](#)' and '[Higher Degrees University Procedure](#)'.

4. The University reserves the right to retain the material submitted by candidates for any of these degrees.

5. Work submitted for any of these degrees shall be examined by two examiners who are not members of the staff of the University.

6. Candidates for these degrees are required to pay a fee at submission of their work for examination. There is no further fee at the time of conferment of the degree.

