Medals Policy

Section 1 - Summary

(1) To outline the principles of awarding Victoria University (VU) Medals to students in recognition of academic and research training excellence.

Section 2 - HESF/ASQA/ESOS Alignment

(2) Nil.

Section 3 - Scope

(3) This Policy applies to all students.

Section 4 - Definitions

(4) Academic Excellence: the completion of a course of study where the student's academic record will include no Fail grades, and, where a course has graded assessment, the student must achieve a Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 6.8, calculated over the duration of the course. At TAFE, the completion of a course of study where the student, throughout their course, consistently displays a high record of academic achievement and meritorious conduct, as determined by the Executive Team in consultation with senior TAFE teaching staff.

(5) Academic Excellence in Research Training: Academic Excellence in Research Training for the purposes of awarding medals is based on excellence in thesis quality and the examiners' reports.

(6) GPA (Grade Point Average)

(7) The University Medal of Academic Excellence: A medal awarded by VU to a student who has achieved academic excellence.

(8) The University Medal for Academic Excellence in Research Training: A medal awarded by VU to a research student who has achieved academic excellence in research training.

Section 5 - Policy Statement

(9) VU is committed to:

a. opportunity and success for any student from any background;
b. academic excellence and providing high quality, engaging career-based tertiary education at all levels of vocational and higher education;
c. recognising excellence and providing exceptional value for any student from any background.

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(10) VU awards Medals to students who:

a. Have achieved academic or research training excellence according to the criteria in the Medals Procedure.
b. Are of good character and a meritorious candidate for the Medal.

(11) VU awards Medals:

a. To recognise and reward excellence and reinforce VU's commitment to being a University of Opportunity and Success.
b. To give students recognition that supports their professional development and success as leaders, employees and entrepreneurs.
c. To ensure high achieving students are visible to the academic community therefore facilitating the mentoring and development of a future generation of academic leaders.

Section 6 - Procedures

(12) Medals Procedure

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Glossary Terms and Definitions

"GPA (Grade Point Average)" - A grade point average is the average result of all grades achieved by a student during a course of study.