

REGULATION 6
CENTRES



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- 6.1 By this Regulation, the Council provides for the establishment of Centres of the University for the purpose of fulfilling one or more of the objects specified in section 4 of the *University of Divinity Act*.
- 6.2 Prior to establishing a Centre, the Council must seek the advice of the Academic Board.
- 6.3 The purpose of a Centre must include the promotion of excellence in a specific area of research, leading to research outputs and research impact and engagement. Other purposes of a Centre may include:
- a) Public engagement with an area of knowledge;
 - b) The development of intercollegiate cooperation within the University;
 - c) The development of partnerships with external parties;
 - d) Enhancing access to resources.
- 6.4 A Centre is not permitted to enrol students in an award, course or unit of the University.
- 6.5 A Centre must meet the following criteria:
- a) Its aims and purposes are aligned with the University's Mission, Vision and Commitments;
 - b) Its governance, management, staff and membership are clearly defined and appropriate to its aims and purposes;
 - c) It has sufficient resources or the potential to acquire sufficient resources to fulfil its aims and purposes.
 - d) It has clear objectives and is accountable to the Council for achieving them.
- 6.6 The Council may create a Centre by approval of a Schedule to this Regulation and through one of the following means:
- a) establishing an entity within the University operated and controlled by the Council
 - b) establishing an entity through agreements between the Council and with a College or group of Colleges of the University;
 - c) recognition of an external organisation as a Centre through agreements with an external party or parties.
- 6.7 A Centre must submit an Annual Report on its activities to the Council.

- 6.8 A Centre is established for a period decided by the Council and usually of no more than five years. A Centre may only be renewed by the Council following a review of its operations.
- 6.9 The Council has the power to terminate a Centre.