

**REGULATION 12**  
**HONOURS AND PRIZES**



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**12.1 Purpose of this Regulation**

- 12.1.1 By this Regulation, using the powers contained in sections 25 (2) and 30 (gc) of the *University of Divinity Act*, the Council provides for the recognition of outstanding service to the University, academy or wider community through the creation of honours and prizes.
- 12.1.2 Recipients of honours created by the University under this Regulation are recorded in Schedule A: University Honour Roll.

**12.2 University Honours**

**12.2.1 Doctor of Divinity (*honoris causa*)**

Description	The Doctor of Divinity ( <i>honoris causa</i> ) is the University of Divinity’s honorary doctorate and its oldest continuing award, first awarded in 1913. The recipient is entitled to use the title “Dr” and the postnominals “DD(hon)”.
Criteria	A sustained and distinguished contribution to theological scholarship or to the wider community in the area of religion consistent with the University’s mission and vision
Nominators	Council member College Principal
Nomination form	Submit to the Vice-Chancellor: 1. A current curriculum vitae 2. A two-page statement on how the nominee meets the criteria 3. References from at least two eminent persons including at least one external to the University
Committees	Governance Committee Academic Board
Approver	Council

**12.2.2 Emeritus Professor**

Description	An Emeritus Professor of the University is a lifelong member of the University entitled to use the title “Emeritus Professor” or a near equivalent (such as “Professor Emerita”).
Criteria	1. Recipient is or was a Professor of the University 2. Sustained and exceptional service through education, research or engagement

Nominators	Council member College Principal
Nomination form	Submit to the Vice-Chancellor: 1. A current curriculum vitae 2. A one-page statement on the person's contribution to the discipline, the University, and the wider community 3. References from at least two eminent persons including at least one external to the University
Committee	Governance Committee
Approver	Council

### 12.2.3 Distinguished Service Medal

Description	The Distinguished Service Medal designed by Michael Meszaros was established in 2016 to celebrate distinguished service to the University. Recipients receive a medal engraved with their name and year of award.
Criteria	1. Recipient is or was a member of the University 2. Distinguished service to the University
Nominators	Any member of the University
Nomination form	Submit to the Vice-Chancellor: 1. A current curriculum vitae 2. A two-page statement on how the nominee meets the criteria for the award
Committee	Governance Committee
Approver	Council

### 12.2.4 University Medal

Description	The University Medal designed by Michael Meszaros was established in 2016 to celebrate outstanding achievements by a doctoral graduate. Recipients receive a medal engraved with their name and year of award.
Criteria	1. Recipient has completed a doctoral degree at the University since the previous awarding of University Medals 2. At least two examiner reports and the Chair of Examiner's statement indicate the doctoral thesis is of exceptional quality and represents a significant contribution to knowledge 3. Assessment may take into account factors such as other research outputs, timeliness of completion, contribution to international scholarship
Nominators	Chair of Examiners Dean of the School of Graduate Research

Nomination form	Submit to the Chair of Academic Board: 1. Two examiners reports 2. The Chair of Examiners' statement 3. A reference from at least one Supervisor 4. Draft citation (up to 400 words)
Committee	School of Graduate Research Academic Committee
Approver	Academic Board

### **12.3 Nomination and Assessment**

12.3.1 The nomination and assessment process is confidential. The nominee should not be aware of the nomination or the assessment process unless and until the award is made.

12.3.2 The nomination is assessed by the relevant Committee (or Committees) against the criteria for the honour. The Committee may seek further information at its discretion to inform its recommendation.

12.3.3 If the Committee decides that it cannot recommend the honour, it must notify the Approver but is not required to disclose the identity of the nominee.

12.3.4 If the Committee recommends the honour it must prepare a citation and refer the recommendation and citation to the Approver.

12.3.5 If the Approver decides not to award the honour, the Vice-Chancellor or Chair of Academic Board as appropriate must notify the nominators.

12.3.6 If the Approver decides to award the honour, the Vice-Chancellor must notify the nominee in writing and arrange a suitable occasion for presentation or recognition of the honour.

12.3.7 The Approver's decision on the honour is final.

### **12.4 University Prizes**

12.4.1 A University Prize is a prize approved by the Chair of Academic Board as meeting the following criteria:

- a) the prize is established by the University or awarded by a College of the University
- b) the prize is awarded to a student or graduate of the University
- c) the terms and conditions under which the prize is awarded are related to the University's mission, vision or Graduate Attributes

12.4.2 Schedule B: University Prizes must record:

- a) the name of the prize
- b) the body which awards the prize
- c) the words which are to appear on the academic transcript of a student to whom the prize is awarded

d) if the prize is no longer current, the dates during which it was awarded.

12.4.3 Any member of the Academic Board may nominate a prize to the Chair of Academic Board for approval. The nomination must:

a) demonstrate how the prize meets the criteria for a University Prize

b) provide the information required for recording the prize on Schedule A.

12.4.4 Inclusion of a prize awarded by a College on Schedule B: University Prizes does not prevent the College awarding the prize to a person who is not a student of the University. In such cases the award is not recognised by the University.

12.4.5 The Office of the Vice-Chancellor must ensure that University Prizes are recorded on the academic transcripts of recipients.

**SCHEDULE A TO REGULATION 12****UNIVERSITY HONOUR ROLL**

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**CURRENT AWARDS****Doctor of Divinity (*honoris causa*) (2012-present)**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Recipient</i>
2017	Revd Prof John Behr
2018	Dr Julia Baird
2019	Robin Bruce Mann
2022	Rev Dr Stephen Haahr
2024	Aunty Jean Phillips
2024	Most Revd Kay Goldsworthy AO

**Emeritus Professor (2012-present)**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Recipient</i>
2012	Professor Emeritus Paul Beirne
2014	Revd Emeritus Professor Brendan Byrne SJ
2014	Revd Emeritus Professor Christiaan Mostert
2016	Revd Emeritus Professor Norman Ford
2022	Emeritus Professor Wendy Mayer
2023	Professor Emerita Mary Coloe
2023	Revd Professor Emeritus Rowan Strong
2024	Emeritus Professor Peter Sherlock
2024	Revd Canon Professor Emerita Dorothy Lee AM FAHA

**Distinguished Service Medal (2016-present)**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Recipient</i>
2016	Revd Dr Alan Niven
2018	Tricia Lewis
2018	Major Gregory Morgan
2022	Janette Bredenoord Elliott
2024	Revd Dr Ross Fishburn
2025	Dr Peter Campbell JP AALIA
2025	Revd Associate Professor Geoffrey Thompson

**University Medal (2016-present)**

<i>Year</i>	<i>Recipient</i>
2020	Dr Daryl Barclay
2020	Dr Jacob Joseph
2022	Dr Katherin Papadopoulos

2022	Dr Joel Rothman
2022	Dr Roger Whittall
2023	Dr Sarah Beattie
2025	Dr Laura Cerbus

## HISTORIC AWARDS

### Doctor of Divinity (1910-1972)

The Doctor of Divinity was awarded between 1910 and 1972 in accordance with the *Melbourne College of Divinity Act* for submission of a dissertation.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Recipient</i>
1913	Most Revd Dr Henry Lowther Clarke ( <i>ad eundem gradum</i> )
1913	Revd Prof John Laurence Rentoul ( <i>ad eundem gradum</i> )
1920	James Cumming
1921	Frederick John Wilkin
1922	Michael Scott Fletcher
1923	Samuel Fowler Hunter
1924	John Mathew
1948	Alfred Harold Wood
1950	Edward Sidney Kiek
1956	Stanley Loraine Edgar
1957	Edward Roberts-Thomson
1962	George Angus Fulton Knight
1963	William Frank Hambly
1964	Robert Arthur Pretty
1964	Harold Walter Turner

### Doctor of Divinity (1972-2012)

The Doctor of Divinity was a higher doctorate awarded between 1972 and 2012 in accordance with the *Melbourne College of Divinity Act* for scholarly achievement.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Recipient</i>
1975	Revd Prof Eric R Schweizer
1987	Revd Prof Eric Francis Osborn
1994	Dr Antony Francis Campbell SJ
2001	Revd Prof Graeme Maxwell Griffin
2007	Revd Prof Gerald Glynn O'Collins SJ AC

### Doctor of Sacred Theology (*honoris causa*) (1990-2012)

The Doctor of Sacred Theology (*honoris causa*) was an honorary doctorate awarded between 1990 and 2012 in accordance with the Regulations of the Melbourne College of Divinity.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Recipient</i>
1992	Rev Dr John Davis McCaughey AC
1992	Most Revd Sir Thomas Francis Little KBE
1994	Catherine Ritchie
1996	Dr Lawrence Dennis McIntosh
1996	Rev Fr Thomas M Doyle

1997	Sir William Deane KBE AC
1998	Sr Rosemary Crumlin RSM
2000	General Eva Burrows AC
2000	Rev Dr Norman G Curry AM
2001	Rev Dr Harold Pidwell
2005	Most Rev Dr Peter Frederick Carnley AO
2006	Rev Timothy Ewen Costello AO
2008	Rev Peter Joseph Malone
2009	Rev Professor Brian Leslie Howe AO

**SCHEDULE B TO REGULATION 12****UNIVERSITY PRIZES**

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**1. Leatherland Prize**

The Leatherland Prize is awarded by the Vice-Chancellor on the recommendation of the Australian Academy of Liturgy for excellence in liturgical scholarship. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'Leatherland Prize for Liturgical Scholarship <year>.'

**2. Vice-Chancellor's Scholar**

A graduand may be designated as a Vice-Chancellor's Scholar by the Vice-Chancellor on the nomination of the graduand's College. The award is recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'Vice-Chancellor's Scholar <year>.'

**3. Master's Prize**

The Master's Prize is awarded by Catholic Theological College. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'Catholic Theological College Master's Prize <year>.'

**4. The Archbishop of Melbourne Prize**

The Archbishop of Melbourne Prize is awarded by Catholic Theological College in the area of Systematic Theology. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'The Archbishop of Melbourne Prize in Systematic Theology <year>.'

**5. The Archbishop Coleridge Prize**

The Archbishop Coleridge Prize is awarded by Catholic Theological College in the area of Biblical Studies. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'The Archbishop Coleridge Prize in Biblical Studies <year>.'

**6. The Baronius Prize**

The Baronius Prize is awarded by Catholic Theological College in the area of Church History. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'The Baronius Prize in Church History <year>.'

**7. The Guilford Young Prize**



The Guilford Young Prize is awarded by Catholic Theological College in the area of Liturgy. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'The Guilford Young Prize in Liturgy <year>.'

**8. The Thomas Shortall Prize**

The Thomas Shortall Prize is awarded by Catholic Theological College in the area of Moral Theology. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'The Thomas Shortall Prize in Moral Theology <year>.'

**9. The John Maher Prize**

The John Maher Prize was awarded by Catholic Theological College in the area of Philosophy in 2013 and 2014. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'The John Maher Prize in Philosophy <year>.'

**10. The Francis de Sales Essay Prize**

The Francis de Sales Essay Prize is awarded by Catholic Theological College in the area of Pastoral Studies. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'The Francis de Sales Prize in Pastoral Studies <year>.'

**11. Bromby Prize for Biblical Languages**

The Bromby Prize for Biblical Languages is awarded by Trinity College Theological School. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'Bromby Prize for <Biblical Greek or Biblical Hebrew> <year>.'

**12. Leeper Scripture Prize**

The Leeper Scripture Prize is awarded by Trinity College Theological School. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'Leeper Scripture Prize <year>.'

**13. Stanton Archer Prize**

The Stanton Archer Prize is awarded by Trinity College Theological School (and formerly by the United Faculty of Theology) in the area of either Biblical Studies or Church History. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'Stanton Archer Prize in <Church History or Biblical Studies> <year>.'

**14. David Farr Bequest**

The David Farr Bequest is awarded by Whitley College in the area of Worship. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'David Farr Bequest <year>.'

**15. H J Jenkin Prize**

The H J Jenkin Prize is awarded by Whitley College in the area of theological studies. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'H J Jenkin Prize <year>.'

**16. Mervyn Himbury Scholarship**

The Mervyn Himbury Scholarship is awarded by Whitley College. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'Mervyn Himbury Scholarship <year>.'

**17. Ruth Sampson Scholarship**

The Ruth Sampson Scholarship is awarded by Whitley College. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'Ruth Sampson Scholarship <year>.'

**18. Basil Brown Prize for Biblical Studies**

The Basil Brown Prize for Biblical Studies is awarded by Whitley College. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'Basil Brown Prize for Biblical Studies <year>.'

**19. Florence Sims Prize for Biblical Languages**

The Florence Sims Prize for Biblical Languages is awarded by Whitley College. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'Florence Sims Prize for Biblical Languages <year>.'

**20. Dean's Prize in Christian Thought and History**

The Dean's Prize in Christian Thought and History is awarded by Whitley College. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'Whitley College Dean's Prize in Christian Thought and History <year>.'

**21. Ross Langmead Prize in Mission Studies**

The Ross Langmead Prize in Mission Studies is awarded by Whitley College. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'Ross Langmead Prize in Mission Studies <year>.'

**22. Dean's Prize in Pastoral Studies**

The Dean's Prize in Pastoral Studies is awarded by Whitley College. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'Whitley College Dean's Prize in Pastoral Studies <year>.'

**23. Dean's Prize in Spirituality**

The Dean's Prize in Spirituality is awarded by Whitley College. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'Whitley College Dean's Prize in Spirituality <year>.'

**24. Valentine Leeper Prize**

The Valentine Leeper Prize is awarded by Trinity College Theological School for an essay on the Book of Common Prayer. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'Valentine Leeper Prize <year>.'

**25. Australian Postgraduate Award**

The Australian Postgraduate Award was awarded by the University on a competitive basis to a student undertaking a higher degree by research candidate. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'Australian Postgraduate Award <year>'.

**26. International Postgraduate Research Scholarship**

The International Postgraduate Research Scholarship was awarded by the University on a competitive basis to an international student undertaking a higher degree by research. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'International Postgraduate Research Scholarship <year>'.

**27. The Rod Doyle Prize**

The Rod Doyle Prize is awarded by Catholic Theological College for an outstanding undergraduate essay in Biblical Studies. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'The Rod Doyle Prize in Biblical Studies <year>'.

**28. The Austin Cooper Prize**

The Austin Cooper Prize is awarded by Catholic Theological College in the area of Christian Spirituality. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'The Austin Cooper Prize in Christian Spirituality <year>'.

**29. NEXT Prize for Faith Formation**

The NEXT Prize for Faith Formation is awarded by Whitley College to an outstanding student in the Diploma in Theology. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'The NEXT Prize for Faith Formation <year>'.

**30. Churches of Christ Engagement Prize**

The Churches of Christ Community Engagement Prize is awarded by Stirling Theological College. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'Churches of Christ Community Engagement Prize <year>'.

**31. Catherine Laufer Prize**

The Catherine Laufer Prize for excellence in Systematic Theology is awarded by Trinity College Theological School. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'The Catherine Laufer prize in Systematic Theology <year>'.

**32.A The Roma Mitchell Prize**

The Roma Mitchell Prize is awarded by Catholic Theological College for an outstanding Research Essay. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'The Roma Mitchell Prize for a Research Essay <year>'.

**32.B The Roma Mitchell Prize**

The Roma Mitchell Prize is awarded by Catholic Theological College for an outstanding Minor Thesis. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'The Roma Mitchell Prize for a Minor Thesis <year>'.

**33. The Erasmus Prize**

The Erasmus Prize is awarded by Catholic Theological College in the area of Biblical or Ecclesiastical Languages. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'The Erasmus Prize in Biblical or Ecclesiastical Languages <year>'.

**34. The Salesian Prize**

The Salesian Prize is awarded by Catholic Theological College in the area of English as a Second Language. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'The Salesian Prize for a student using English as a Second Language <year>'.

**35. The Jillian Stewart TransFormation Prize**

The Jillian Stewart TransFormation Prize is awarded by Whitley College to an outstanding student in the area of ministry. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'Jillian Stewart TransFormation Prize <year>'.

**36. The Young Pastoral Leadership Prize**

The Young Pastoral Leadership Prize is awarded by Whitley College to a young leader in pastoral ministry who demonstrates balance and excellence in meeting the challenges of ministry, study, and leadership in the home and community. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on a transcript as 'Young Pastoral Leadership Prize <year>'.

**37. The Research Stipend Scholarship**

The Research Stipend Scholarship is awarded by the University on a competitive basis to a student undertaking a higher degree by research. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'Research Stipend Scholarship <year(s)>'.

**38. The Research Fee Scholarship**

The Research Fee Scholarship is awarded by the University on a competitive basis to a student undertaking a higher degree by research. The award is not recorded in the

Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'Research Fee Scholarship <year(s)>'.

**39. The Gerald O'Collins Prize**

The Gerald O'Collins Prize is awarded by Catholic Theological College for an outstanding undergraduate essay in Systematic Theology. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded in an academic transcript as "The Gerald O'Collins Prize for outstanding undergraduate essay in Systematic Theology <year>".

**40. The Leslie Tomlinson Prize**

The Leslie Tomlinson Prize is awarded by Catholic Theological College in the area of Moral Theology. The award is not recorded in the Graduation Program. The award is recorded on an academic transcript as 'The Leslie Tomlinson Prize in Moral Theology <year>.'