

Ordinance 9: Higher Doctorates Governing the Degrees of Doctor of Engineering, Doctor of Laws, Doctor of Letters, Doctor of Science or Doctor of Technology

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1. The degree of Doctor of Engineering, Doctor of Laws, Doctor of Letters, Doctor of Science or Doctor of Technology may be conferred upon candidates who have satisfied the assessors for the Degree and have fulfilled one of the conditions for eligibility as specified in paragraph 2 below.

2. The following are eligible to make application for the Degree of Doctor of Engineering, Doctor of Laws, Doctor of Letters, Doctor of Science or Doctor of Technology.

i. Persons who are graduates of the University or are external graduates of the University of London or holders of the Diploma of Technology or a degree of the Council for National Academic Awards as the result of studies successfully pursued at the former Bradford Institute of Technology or its predecessor and are in the eighth or any subsequent year after the date of their receiving one of these awards.

ii. Persons who are full-time members of staff of the University and who have been so for not less than four years. Such persons shall in addition be graduates of not less than seven years' standing of an approved University or of the Council for National Academic Awards, or who hold a Diploma in Technology or such other award as the Senate shall determine, conferred at a date not less than seven years prior to the date of application.

iii. Persons who have retired from the University having been full-time members of staff of the University for not less than four years immediately prior to their retirement. The same requirements are applicable with regard to the graduate status of such persons as detailed in Clause 2 (ii) above.

iv. Persons who are graduates of the Council for National Academic Awards and others who are not eligible to make an application for a higher doctorate to another UK university and who have an established link with the University of Bradford. Such persons shall, where appropriate, be in the eighth or any subsequent year after having received an award from the Council for National Academic Awards or other awarding body.

3. The application for the Degree must be based either wholly or to a substantial extent on original work of distinction carried out by the candidate. When work is submitted which has been done in co-operation with others, the candidate's personal contribution shall be certified by a statement from them, supported by appropriate evidence, as to the share which they have personally has taken in the work.

4. The work submitted must constitute substantial contributions to learning which have established the candidate's position as an authority in the field of study.

5. Applications shall be made in writing to the Postgraduate Research Administration Team and shall include a list of the works on which the candidate bases their claim for the degree. Applicants are required to pay an application fee which should be included with their application. The candidate will subsequently be required to provide three copies of the relevant published works; they may also include unpublished works of which normally three



satisfactory copies must be provided. The Regulations for the Submission of Work for Higher Degrees shall not apply to submissions for Higher Doctorates. All works submitted must be accompanied by a statement signed by the candidate giving full details of any other degree or diploma for which the works, in whole or in part, may have been submitted, and by a statement of between 5,000 and 10,000 words signed by the candidate setting out the basis of their case for the award of their degree.

6. The Senate shall appoint three assessors, at least two of whom shall be external, who shall be of recognised eminence in the subject of the submission. The Senate, after considering the report of the assessors, shall resolve whether the degree be awarded or not.

7. The provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply to the award of the honorary degree of Doctor of Engineering, Doctor of Laws, Doctor of Letters, Doctor of Science or Doctor of Technology.