

Policy Title: Academic Medals
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1. INTENT

This policy prescribes the basis for the award of the following Academic Medals:

- University Medal;
- University Research Medal;
- School Medal; and
- School Research Medal.

2. ORGANISATIONAL SCOPE

This policy applies to staff members who are associated with the administration and award of Academic Medals.

3. DEFINITIONS

TERM	DEFINITION
School	An academic organisational unit of the University including WAAPA but not including the Graduate Research School.

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Weighted Average Mark (WAM)	<p>The calculation of a student's Weighted Average Mark uses the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Credit Points: the number of credit points ascribed to all units enrolled in by the student in the relevant semester or course. 2. Numeric Mark Value: This is the numeric mark recorded as the assessment outcome for each unit a student has studied. Units assessed without a numeric mark value will not be included in the calculation. 3. WAM Weighting Value: This is a value assigned to a unit to 'weight' different level units. Unless otherwise stated, the weighted value for all units will be 1.00. <p>The WAM is calculated using the following formula:</p> <p>The Sum of (Credit Point x Mark x Weighting) Divided by The Sum of (Credit Points x Weighting)</p>

4. POLICY CONTENT

4.1 University Medal

The University Medal may be awarded annually to the School Medal recipient with the highest course Weighted Average Mark (WAM).

4.2 University Research Medal

The University Research Medal may be awarded annually to the School Research Medal recipient who has completed the most outstanding doctoral research thesis.

4.3 School Medal

A School Medal may be awarded annually by each school to the graduate with the highest WAM graduating from a three or four-year undergraduate award in the school.

4.4 School Research Medal

A School Research Medal may be awarded annually to the doctoral research graduate in a school who has completed the most outstanding research thesis.

5. ACCOUNTABILITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

In relation to this policy, the following positions are responsible for the following

Policy Owner

The Policy Owner Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Education) has overall responsibility for the content of this policy and its operation in ECU.

Contact Person

The Manager, Academic Governance and Services is responsible for the maintenance of this policy.

Staff are required to comply with the content of this policy and to seek guidance in the event of uncertainty as to its application.

All members of the University community are expected to comply with University Policy.

6. RELATED DOCUMENTS

The policy is supported by the [Academic Medals Procedure](#).

7. CONTACT INFORMATION

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8. APPROVAL HISTORY

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