





- c. the student's research whilst studying at the University was such that it is reasonable to conclude that the student would have successfully completed the research degree programme and qualified for the award in question;
  - d. it can be confirmed that the conferral of an award will not cause offence or undue stress to the relatives of the deceased, the incapacitated student or others within the University or the community.
- (8) The granting of an aegrotat or posthumous award for a student studying at a Partner Institution may be considered in cases where:
- a. a student has died or sustained an incapacitating injury or illness that precludes the completion of the registered taught or research degree Programme;
  - b. Eligibility will be as per (6) and (7) above
- (9) In the interests of courtesy and sensitivity a posthumous award should only be made with the knowledge and consent of the next of kin and/or immediate family members (or other appropriate individual).
- (10) The process for the approval of an aegrotat or posthumous award in a taught Programme should be initiated by the Assistant Academic Registrar (Assessment) and endorsed by the relevant Programme Leader and Dean of Faculty or nominee



- (17) In the case of research degree programmes, the student must have completed sufficient assessable evidence to indicate that, had the death or incapacity not intervened, they would have satisfied requirements for the award for which they are registered.
- (18) In such a case, the Director of Studies may submit a recommendation to the DVC Research, Knowledge Exchange and Engagement, providing details of the work completed and the current status of the thesis.
- (19) The DVC Research, Knowledge Exchange and Engagement may appoint two assessors, one of whom may have been the supervisor and one of whom may be external to the University, to review the available work in order to determine that primary requirements have been met.
- (20) If this results in a unanimous recommendation to proceed, the supervisor may be requested to supply explanatory material to facilitate the examiner's understanding of the candidate's research contribution, and to facilitate production of a thesis or body of work in preparation for examination. A statement should be appended to the thesis or body of work indicating it was undertaken by the supervisor on the student's behalf.
- (21) The thesis or body of work should then be submitted for examination in accordance with Research Degree Regulations. Each examiner must provide unequivocal advice as to whether evidence exists to indicate that, if the death or incapacity had not intervened, in the normal course of events, requirements for the award would have been satisfied.
- (22) Following the examination of the thesis or body of work, the Research Degrees Admin Team will forward the examiners' reports, recommendations and other documentation as required in the Research Degree Regulations to the Chair of the Research Degrees Board. Where the submission meets the criteria for an aegrotat or posthumous award and has the endorsement of the Research Degrees Board, the award will be conferred.
  
- (23) The process for the approval of an aegrotat or posthumous award in a validated or joint Programme should be initiated by the Academic Partnership Office or Research Degrees Administration Team as appropriate and endorsed by the relevant Link Tutor and Dean of Faculty. The application should make reference to the circumstances surrounding the submission for the award.
- (24) Where the submission meets the criteria for an aegrotat or posthumous award and has the endorsement of the Dean of Faculty (or nominee), the Academic Registrar (or nominee) will recommend that the award be conferred.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- (25) Where the granting of an aegrotat award has been approved, the student or representative of the student should be contacted by the Dean of Faculty or Partner Institution in relation to whether the student or a representative will attend a graduation ceremony to receive the award.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- (26) Where the granting of a posthumous award has been approved, the next of kin of the deceased student should be invited by the Dean of Faculty or Partner Institution to nominate a representative to receive the award on behalf of the student.

