

Senate Regulation 13: Withdrawal of degrees , awards and distinctions

1. Under the [Supplemental Charter](#), the University is empowered to confer and withdraw degrees, awards and distinctions. This responsibility is delegated to Senate under [Council Ordinance 9](#).
2. References to 'award' in this Regulation include all degrees and other academic awards conferred, as well as distinctions, prizes and medals awarded in recognition of academic or other achievements.
3. This Regulation sets out the procedure which will normally be followed where the University is concerned that there may be good cause to consider the withdrawal of an award which has been conferred onto an alumnus, whether that person is a current or former student or staff member of the University. It does not apply to Honorary Degrees and Titles conferred by Council; nor does it apply where a previous award is withdrawn prior to the conferral of a subsequent award being conferred, or where an award has been conferred through an administrative error.
4. This Regulation does not include the process by which the University may determine not to recommend a current or former student for an award they may normally be entitled to, or to withdraw a recommendation for an award before its conferral. These matters will normally be considered under [Senate Regulation 6](#), [Senate Regulation 14](#) or Council

10. No action will be taken under this Regulation to withdraw an award unless reasonable attempts have been made to inform the alumnus of the concern raised and to allow them to present their case to the University.

11. Where there are concerns that there may be cause to consider the withdrawal of an award, these should be reported and investigated in accordance with the [Procedure for the Withdrawal for Degrees, Awards and Distinctions](#). This Procedure also sets out information on the right of appealing any such decisions.