Specific Regulations

B2. Procedure for the award of higher doctorates

1. The University awards higher doctorates for work of high distinction as defined in the Regulations for the award of such degrees.

2. Applications may be made for the following higher doctorates:
   Doctor of Letters (DLitt)
   Doctor of Science (DSc)
   Doctor of Technology (DTech)

   Applicants are required to state the higher doctorate for which they wish their work to be considered.

3. The work submitted must be of high distinction, must constitute an original and significant contribution to the advancement of knowledge or to the application of knowledge or to both and must establish that the applicant is a leading authority in the field or fields of study concerned. The degree of Doctor of Technology is the appropriate award where the applicant's contribution has been principally to developments in the application of knowledge.

4. Applicants shall normally be:
   a. holders, of at least seven years' standing, of a first degree awarded by CNAA or by a university in the United Kingdom or of a qualification of equivalent standard; or
   b. holders, of at least four years' standing, of a higher degree awarded by CNAA or by a university in the United Kingdom or of a qualification of equivalent standard.

5. Applicants must be ordinarily resident in a member state of the European Union or have carried out a major part of the work on which the application is based in a member state of the European Union.

6. Applicants must submit three copies of the work on which the application is based. The submission may take the form of books, contributions to journals, patent specifications, reports, specifications and design studies and may also include other relevant evidence of original work. All material, other than books, must be secured in one hard-backed folder, or more if necessary, each containing a title and contents page. An applicant shall state which part of the submission, if any, has been submitted for another academic award. The contents of a submission must be in one of the official languages of the United Kingdom unless specific permission to the contrary has been given by the University.
7. In addition to the copies of the work on which the application is based, applicants must submit one copy of each of the following, all of which must be typewritten:
   a. a completed application form, the current version of which may be obtained from the University;
   b. a statement of not more than 1000 words setting out the applicant's view of the nature and significance of the work submitted;
   c. a full statement of the extent of the applicant's contribution to work submitted, involving joint authorship or other types of collaboration.

8. The University shall retain on access one copy of the full documentation submitted in support of an application which is successful.

9. On submission of an application accompanied by the appropriate fee (see schedule of current fees, available from the Academic Registrar), the University will consider whether a prima facie case for proceeding to a formal examination of the application has been established, taking whatever advice it considers appropriate. The preliminary consideration of the application shall be undertaken by a panel appointed by the Research Degrees Board.

10. If satisfied that such a case has been established the University will, on payment of a further fee (see schedule of current fees, available from the Academic Registrar), submit the application to two examiners, appointed by the Research Degrees Board, each of whom shall make an independent report to the University. In case of disagreement between the examiners the Research Degrees Board may appoint a third examiner.