

SENATE REGULATION 8: University Prizes and Academic Dress

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UNIVERSITY PRIZES

1. In the event of there being no candidate of sufficient merit for any prize, it shall not be awarded.

Undergraduate Students

University Prizes

2. University Prizes shall take the form of commemorative pens and certificates, and shall be awarded annually to students in the final year of an undergraduate programme leading to the award of an honours degree.

3. Each Department shall be permitted to nominate one prize winner at the end of each academic session to the student with the best overall average mark at the end of their undergraduate honours degree programme.

4. Prizewinners shall, normally, be nominated by the appropriate Boards of Examiners. Nominations should be sent by the Chair of the Board to the appropriate Head of Department (or his/her nominee), who, when all nominations have been received, will identify the students to whom the awards shall be made, and notify both the Registrar, and the students concerned, of the awards.

5. A Department may make only one award each session for each prize irrespective of the number of programmes for which it is responsible.

Bishop Memorial Prize

6. The Bishop Memorial Prize was established in 1990 in memory of Brunel's late Vice-Chancellor, Professor Richard Bishop and is awarded to a student in Engineering and Design for exemplary academic performance and outstanding contribution to the life of the University. Nominations are invited from the Department of Electronic and Computer Engineering, Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, and the Department of Design in June each year and are considered by a Prize Panel. The prize comprises a cheque to the value of £500 and a certificate.

Peter Swain Memorial Prize

7. The Peter Swain Memorial Prize is awarded annually to the undergraduate or postgraduate student who has made the most outstanding contribution to the cultural, social or sporting life of the University in his or her programme of study. Nominations are invited from Colleges, the Students' Union and other University departments in June each year and are considered by a Prize Panel. The prize comprises a commemorative pen and a certificate.

Trier Prize

8. The Margaret Trier Memorial Prize was established by the late Dr Peter Trier, a former Chairman of the University Council and Pro-Chancellor, in 1999, in memory of his late wife. The Trier Prize is awarded annually to a female student from any discipline graduating with a first degree, who has demonstrated outstanding ability in mathematics in their final year project. Nominations are invited from Schools in June each year and are considered by a Prize Panel. The prize comprises a cheque to the value of £200 and a certificate.

Ede and Ravenscroft Prize

9. Ede and Ravenscroft, the University's robe makers, currently sponsor an annual prize of £1,000 which is awarded to a FHEQ Level 5 undergraduate student at Brunel University prior to his/her final year of study.

Giffard Prize

10. The Giffard family name dates back to the time of William the Conqueror, and notable family members include two peers of the realm. The first, Hardinge Stanley Giffard, was Lord Chancellor for the latter part of Queen Victoria's reign; the second was an eminent scientist and first Chancellor of Brunel University London, Lord Halsbury. The family are hopeful that the memory and contribution of both illustrious members can be embodied in an annual award to students.

The prize is open to undergraduate students studying Law or Sciences. Nominations are invited from across the University and will be considered by a Prizes Panel. The winner will be the student who has made the most significant contribution to the study of their subject at the University during the course of their degree. The prize will comprise a payment of £250 and a certificate.

Research Students

11. The Vice-Chancellor shall award six prizes in each academic session for doctoral research students. The title of the prize shall be the 'Vice-Chancellor's Prize for Doctoral Research'.

12. Colleges shall recommend to the Vice-Chancellor two candidates for the prize each academic year. One prize shall be awarded at each of the winter and summer graduation ceremonies to a successful candidate from each College.

13. All home and overseas students awarded a doctoral research degree in the current academic session shall be eligible if their thesis was submitted within the maximum period of registration for their mode of study.

14. Recommendations for receipt of the prize shall be made on the basis of research excellence evidenced by research papers or other output. Each prizewinner will receive a cheque for £500 and a formal certificate of the University.

15. Vice-Provosts and Deans of Colleges (or their nominated representative) shall make their recommendations to the Vice-Chancellor by the closing date each year.

All students

Jock McKeon Prize for Inspirational Leadership

16. The Jock McKeon Prize for Inspirational Leadership was established in 2011 by family and friends in memory of Mr Jock McKeon, a former Student Union President. The Prize is to be awarded annually to a final year undergraduate or postgraduate student (in the case of a postgraduate research student, this shall be a student with a leaving date during the last year), who has demonstrated leadership skills, or who has inspired others in their social, academic or professional development during their time at the University. Nominations are invited from Colleges, the Students' Union, and other University departments, and will be considered by the Prize Panel. The Prize consists of a payment to the value of £500.

Alumni

Alumnus of the Year

17. The Alumnus/na of the Year Award will be open to all former students who can be identified as achieving notable success, either in their careers or in other non-work activities. Nominations will be sought from the alumni body, University staff and students. A shortlist of nominees will, with their agreement, be put forward for a vote by the alumni body to determine the winner. The Alumnus or Alumna of the Year will ordinarily be awarded at the University's summer Graduation Ceremonies, to inspire graduating students, presented by the Students' Union representative, with the winner receiving an engraved medal.

Staff

Ken Darby-Dowman Memorial Prize

18. The Ken Darby-Dowman Memorial Prize is awarded to staff in recognition of their contribution to the Student Experience, in terms of exceptional and inspiring teaching, exceptional support for students in their studies, contribution to the development of the student experience, provision of service to students, and provision of exceptional pastoral support for students. Nominations are invited from Colleges, the Students' Union, and other University departments, and will be considered by the Prize Panel. The Prize comprises a payment of £500 and a certificate.

SCHEME OF ACADEMIC DRESS

19. Non-degree awards (e.g. Certificate of Higher Education, Diploma of Higher Education, Postgraduate Diploma) (Up to 1998).

Gown	Black stuff, Cambridge shape but without open forearm seam.
Epitage	Black artificial silk with 0.5" turning of Brunel blue velvet all round, inside and out. Trimmed with blue velvet covered button and attached to left shoulder of gown.
Hat	Black cloth mortar board.

20. Non-degree awards (e.g. Certificate of Higher Education, Diploma of Higher Education, Postgraduate Diploma) (From July 1999 up to and including July 2014)

Gown	Black, undergraduate style gown trimmed with Brunel blue velvet ribbon 1" wide on front facings and yoke.
Hat	Black cloth mortar board.

21. Non-degree awards (e.g. Certificate of Higher Education, Diploma of Higher Education, Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma (from August 2014)

Gown	Blue, undergraduate style gown trimmed with Brunel red velvet ribbon on front facings and yoke.
Hat	Navy blue mortar board.

22. Foundation Degree (from July 2020)

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| Gown | Navy with separate facings and Brunel red insertion piping sewn in to the outside edge of the front facings. |
| Hood | Brunel Simple shape, navy outer, fully lined with white jacquard. Edged with red insertion piping continuing on to the bottom of the neck band |
| Hat | Navy blue mortar board. |
- 23.** First Degree (up to and including July 2014)
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| Gown | Black stuff, Cambridge shape but without open forearm seam. |
| Hood | Special simple shape of black stuff, fully lined white and faced inside 1.5" with Brunel blue velvet. Reversed band showing blue in front. |
| Hat | Black cloth mortar board. |
- 24.** First Degree (from August 2014)
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| Gown | Navy, with separate facings and Brunel red insertion piping sewn in to the outside edge of the front facings. |
| Hood | Brunel Simple shape navy outer, fully lined with white jacquard and tipped red jacquard. Edged with red insertion piping continuing on to the bottom of the neck band. |
| Hat | Navy blue mortar board. |
- 25.** First Higher Degree (MEng, MMath, MA, MSc) (up to and including July 2014)
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| Gown | Black stuff, Cambridge shape but with bottom of hanging sleeve cut straight. |
| Hood | Cambridge shape, Brunel blue outside, lined silver and faced inside 2.5" with Brunel blue velvet. |
| Hat | Black cloth mortar board. |
- 26.** First Higher Degree (Integrated Masters) (from August 2014)
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| Gown | Navy, with separate facings and Brunel red insertion piping sewn in to the outside edge of the front facings. |
| Hood | Brunel Full shape navy outer, fully lined red jacquard. Edged with red insertion piping continuing on to the bottom (long edge) of the neck band. |
| Hat | Navy blue mortar board. |
- 27.** First Higher Degree (Masters) (from August 2014)

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| Gown | Navy, with separate facings and Brunel red insertion piping sewn in to the outside edge of the front facings. Sleeve ends with own 'B' shape ends, straight arm hole slit with red insertion piping top and bottom. |
| Hood | Brunel Full shape navy outer, fully lined red jacquard. Edged with red insertion piping continuing on to the bottom (long edge) of the neck band. |
| Hat | Navy blue mortar board. |
- 28. Second Higher Degrees (PhD, DBA) (for degrees conferred before June 1996)**
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| Gown | Mushroom Oxford shape, with 4" facings and 4" cuffs of Brunel blue velvet. |
| Hood | Cambridge shape, mushroom outside, lined and edged scarlet, faced inside 3.5" with Brunel blue velvet. |
| Hat | Black cloth bonnet, scarlet cord and tassel. |
- 29. Second Higher Degrees (DBA, EdD, EngD, PhD) (from July 1996 up to and including July 2014)**
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| Gown | Mid blue panama in traditional London style with 2" gold silk facings, edged with 1" scarlet ribbon. Self-lined mid blue panama sleeves. Sleeves and yoke trimmed with scarlet cord and button. |
| Hood | Mid blue panama in full shape with square cape, fully lined and edged 1" cape only in gold silk. Cowl edged inside with 1" scarlet ribbon. Neck band to show blue panama to the front. |
| Hat | Black cloth bonnet, scarlet cord and tassel. |
- 30. Second Higher Degrees (DBA, EdD, EngD, PhD) (from August 2014)**
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| Gown | Brunel Red, London style, long rounded cape sleeves, lined in navy, which turn back at the front to form a cuff, held in place by white cord and a red button. Sleeves faced on the bottom edge with white ribbon, navy facings with the outside edge faced with white (so that approximately 3.5" of navy shows when finished). |
| Hood | Brunel Full shape, red outer, fully lined and cape edged, navy jacquard. Inside cowl edged with white ribbon. Neckband red, bottom edge bound navy, and top edge faced with white ribbon. |
| Hat | Blue velvet bonnet, red tassel. |
- 31. Third Higher Degrees (DUniv [Hon only], DD, DEd, DEng, DHum, DLitt, DMus, DSc, DSocSci, DTech, LLD) (up to and including July 2014)**

Gown	Scarlet, Oxford shape, with 6" facings and 7" cuffs in Brunel blue velvet.
Hood	Cambridge shape, scarlet outside, lined and edged gold and faced inside 4.5" with Brunel blue velvet.
Hat	Black velvet bonnet, gold cord and tassel.

32. Third Higher Degrees (DUniv [Hon only], DD, DEd, DEng, DHum, DLitt, DMus, DSc, DSocSci, DTech, LLD, MUniv [Hon only]) (from August 2014)

Gown	Brunel Red, London style, long rounded cape sleeves, lined in navy, which turn back at the front to form a cuff, held in place by gold cord and button. Sleeves faced on the bottom inside edge with white ribbon, navy facings with the outside edge faced with RTD gold Mylar, white placed on the inside edge of gold (so that approximately 3" of navy shows when finished).
Hood	Brunel Full shape, red outer, fully lined and cape edged in and out with white ribbon, navy jacquard. Inside cowl edged with RTD gold Mylar. Neckband red, bottom edge in and out white, and top edge faced with RTD gold Mylar.
Hat	Blue velvet bonnet, gold tassel.

33. Degree of MUniv (Hon only) (up to and including July 2014)

Gown	Black, Oxford shape, with 5" facings and 5" cuffs in Brunel blue velvet.
Hood	Cambridge shape black outside silver lining and faced inside 3.5" with Brunel blue velvet.
Hat	Black cloth mortar board

34. Honorary Fellow (from August 2014)

Gown	Navy, with separate facings of red jacquard, white ribbon sewn in to the outside edge of the front facings. Sleeve ends with own 'B' shape ends, straight arm hole slit with red insertion piping top and bottom.
Hood	Not worn
Hat	Blue velvet bonnet, red tassel.

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