

2.1 INTRODUCTION TO GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR RESEARCH AWARDS

The following procedure reflects the general recommendations of the QAA *Quality Code: Chapter B11*

- i. The higher doctorates (the degrees of LLD, DLitt, and DSc) may be awarded on the basis of published work.
- ii. The degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) may be awarded **either** on the basis of a programme of supervised research assessed by means of a thesis **or** on the basis of published work.
- iii. The degree of Master of Philosophy (MPhil) may be awarded on the basis of a programme of supervised research assessed by means of a thesis.
- iv. The degrees of MA, MSc, and LLM may be awarded **either** on the basis of a programme of taught courses and assessment by examination or by examination and dissertation **or** on the basis of a programme of supervised research assessed by means of a thesis. These last are called the MA by research, the MSc by research, and the LLM by research respectively.
- v. The regulations for these degrees are set out in this section.