# UNIVERSITY OF HERTFORDSHIRE

ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

**Amendments to UPR AS11 (Schedule of Awards) for 2024/25**

This paper summarises the proposed amendments to UPR AS11 for the 2024/25 academic year.

***1. Introduction of additional Honorary awards***

The University has introduced a range of additional Honorary awards, to increase the range of specialised subject areas available. The following amendments to UPR AS11**,** section 3.1have been approved:

# 3 Higher degrees

 The University confers the following Higher Degrees:

## 3.1 Higher Doctorates (Honorary)

Hon Dart Doctor of Arts

*Hon DBus Doctor of Business*

Hon DLitt Doctor of Letters

Hon LLD Doctor of Laws

*Hon DMus Doctor of Music*

Hon DEd       Doctor of Education

*Hon EngD     Doctor of Engineering*

*Hon DSportsSci Doctor of Sports Science*

Hon DSc        Doctor of Science

 Regulations for the award of Honorary Doctorates are set out in UPR AS23.

***2. Revised MRes description***

# The ‘Master of Research’ (MRes) award has been redefined as a ‘Master’s in Research’ (MRes) to increase attractiveness to the international market. The following amendments to UPR AS11, section 4.2 have been approved:

# 4 Master’s Degrees

## 4.2 Master's degrees (by research)

MPhil Master of Philosophy

MA Master of Arts

MEd Master of Education

MSc Master of Science

MRes Master*’s* *in* ~~of~~ Research

4.2, C Master*’s in* ~~of~~ Research (MRes)

 The degree of Master*’s in* ~~of~~ Research will be awarded to a student who, having completed an approved programme of research training which will normally include the execution of one or more investigations, has presented a portfolio of work which demonstrates understanding of research methodologies and their application and who has defended it by oral examination to the satisfaction of the examiners.

***3. Introduction of Master of Research in Health and Social Care (MResHSC)***

# The University, with funding from the National Institute of Health Research (NIHR), have developed a Master of Research degree specifically designed for health and social care professionals. NIHR have stipulated a requirement for it to be a taught MRes. The following amendments to UPR AS11, section 4.3 have been approved:

4.3 **Master's degrees (taught)**

(This section should be read in conjunction with sections 2.1.6 and 2.1.7.)

The University awards the following Master’s Degrees

 MA Master of Arts

 MArch Master of Architecture

 MBA Master of Business Administration

 Global Executive MBA Global Executive Master of Business Administration

 MEd Master of Education

 LLM Master of Laws

 MHMEd Master of Health and Medical Education

 MMid Master of Midwifery

 MPH Master of Public Health

 *MResHSC Master of Research in Health and Social Care*

 MSc Master of Science

 MTL Masters in Teaching and Learning

4.3, A Master of Arts (MA)

 The title **‘**Master of Arts’ is generally used in art and design, the arts and humanities, social sciences and in other areas of study where a more specialised title is not appropriate.

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4.3, K *Master of Research in Health and Social Care (MResHSC)*

 *The title of ‘Master of Research in Health and Social Care’ is reserved for taught programmes focussed on developing advanced research skills in health and social care.*

4.3, L Master of Science (MSc)

 The title ‘Master of Science’ is …………….