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# **Academic Principles and Regulations**

## **Section B1: Strategic Planning Approval**

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## **SECTION B1: STRATEGIC PLANNING APPROVAL**

### **B1.1 Strategic Planning Approval: General**

#### **B1.1.1 Requirement for Strategic Planning Approval**

The University requires that all proposed academic provision is subject to Strategic Planning Approval before it can be included within the University's portfolio. This includes:

- New awards
- New forms of delivery
- Partnership and collaborative provision

#### **B1.1.2 Purpose of Strategic Planning Approval**

The purpose of Strategic Planning Approval is to decide whether the proposal is consistent with the strategic direction of academic provision within the University.

#### **B1.1.3 Award Information Required**

Documentation for Strategic Planning Approval must, as a minimum, include the following information:

- the proposed title of the target award
- the proposed structure of the award (e.g. Scheme, Course, Short Course)
- the proposed mode(s) of delivery e.g. full time, part time, sandwich, distance etc
- the proposed start date for the first cohort
- the location of the proposed award within the existing portfolio of provision
- its congruence with the strategic direction of academic provision within the University
- the marketing rationale
- the minimum number of anticipated students
- broad feasibility and costing projections, including requirements for academic and support staffing
- relevant partnership information where the proposal is for Joint Provision [see Section E1].
- a progression route to an honours degree (if the proposed award is a foundation degree), agreed in principle, with supporting documentary evidence of curriculum-mapping having taken place.

#### **B1.1.4 Outcome of Strategic Planning Approval**

Strategic Planning Approval is the formal agreement by the University of the following in respect of the proposed provision:

- the proposed title of the award
- the proposed structure of the award
- the planned start date of the first cohort
- the proposed provision may proceed to academic approval.

#### **B1.1.5 Registration of Students**

Registration is authorised only if the following apply:

- the Scheme or Course has received strategic planning approval
- the Scheme or Course is in academic approval
- the Scheme or Course is offered for delivery in the current session
- the minimum number of anticipated students is forecast
- in the case of collaborations, the financial and contractual agreement and a Memorandum of Collaboration are current.

#### **B1.1.6 Advertising**

No new academic provision may be advertised before it has received Strategic Planning Approval. When a Scheme or Course is awaiting academic approval (either within the University or in a recognised institution) then this should be made clear in any advertising.