

Preparation of the citation (LAUDATIONES) for graduation:

- The supervisor (or the head of the department if the supervisor is not available), in consultation with the candidate, is responsible for compiling the doctoral candidate's laudatio and send it to the Faculty Higher Degrees Committee Chairperson
- A laudatio consists of a maximum of 150 words.
- A laudatio is a brief narrative description of the research that was conducted for a doctoral degree, as well as a description of the original contribution of the research.
- No aspects other than those mentioned under the previous bullet point are included in a laudatio, the only exception being that of international recognition given to a doctoral candidate for doctoral research. (A doctoral degree is considered a degree of commendation. Therefore, self-evident aspects – such as the fact that the research was of the highest quality, that publications have resulted from research, and positive comments of the examiners – are excluded from a laudatio). The acceptance and publication of articles resulting from research in recognised international accredited journals may, however, be mentioned in curriculum vitae as part of a candidate's international recognition.
- The supervisor (or the head of the department if the supervisor is not available) submits a candidate's laudatio the Faculty Research Committee Chair who recommends to the Exexecutive Dean to approve the laudatio for inclusion in the graduation ceremony programme. This is then send to the VC Academics for final approval for the graduation programme
- The supervisor (or in his/her absence, and if applicable, a co-supervisor, or the relevant Executive Dean in the absence of the co-supervisor) reads out the laudatio during the graduation ceremony. When reading the laudatio, the reader may not deviate from the text approved by the Executive Dean (i.e. no additions or omissions may be made).