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**Awarding Posthumous Degrees to  
Graduate/Professional Students**

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Posthumous Graduate Degrees

Any request for a posthumous degree must be initiated by the chair of the student's advisory committee and may be awarded on the recommendation of the student's academic department, on the approval of the student's college, by the Dean, Graduate and Professional Studies and by the President of the university. For all degrees, the student's advisory committee must certify that it believes that all requirements for the degree would have been completed by the anticipated graduation date under normal circumstances.

For degrees requiring a research product (i.e., dissertation, record of study, thesis or research paper) the research proposal must have been signed by each committee member and a significant portion of the dissertation, record of study, thesis or research paper must have been reviewed by the committee and found to be acceptable at the time of the student's death. PhD students must have been admitted to candidacy, if applicable.

For degrees not requiring a research product, the student must have been, enrolled in courses that would have completed the degree requirements at the time of death.

Exceptional cases will be referred to the Dean, Graduate and Professional Studies for review and recommendation to the President.