

Council will recognise the distinctive contribution made by long-serving academic staff; exceptionally prestigious academic visitors; and the noteworthy contributions to society by alumni and other members of the wider community with whom the University has a substantial association, through the conferment of honorary titles, honorary awards or honorary degrees.

1. Honorary Doctorate Awards

Honorary Doctorates are considered for award annually by Council in recognition of noteworthy contributions to society by alumni or other members of the community with whom the University has a substantial association. Honorary Doctorates may be awarded in recognition of outstanding achievement in Commerce, Education, Engineering, Fine Arts, Laws, Letters, Music or Science. Council may at its discretion, confer more than one award or no awards in any calendar year.

The Honours and Appointments Committee of Council (the “Honours and Appointments Committee”), chaired by the Chancellor, is set up annually, with Council, Senior Management Team (SMT) and staff representation, to make recommendations to the Council.

The title of Honorary Doctorate shall be awarded by Council on the advice of the Honours and Appointments Committee, and will endure for the life of the award recipient unless otherwise determined by Council.

Council may revoke the award of an Honorary Doctorate in the case of criminal offence charges or fraud against the title holder, or if the title holder is engaged in activities which bring or have brought disrepute to the University.

Members of the University staff can become eligible after they have ceased employment with the University.

Eligibility Criteria

Council may, by resolution, in recognition of distinguished service to the community and or the University, award an Honorary Doctorate.

The University does not generally award Honorary Doctorates to individuals currently serving the University, either as Council members, board members, external appointees to Council committees or as full-time members of staff.

Nominees for an Honorary Doctorate will normally be graduates of the University or have had other substantial association with the University.

Nominees will be people who the University recognises within the wider national and international community and who have made outstanding contributions to their field of endeavour, to the well-being and betterment of society or to cultural development and understanding.

Note: Awards are not generally made posthumously.

Nomination Procedures

The names of possible recipients may be raised by members of Council, current staff or the Alumni & UC Foundation, initially with the University Registrar who will ensure the Executive Committee of Council discuss the nomination informally before inviting a formal nomination through the Honours and Appointments Committee. Nomination is by way of submitting a brief resume, letter of support and any other supporting evidence.

The nomination forwarded to the University Registrar must be kept in strictest confidence until the Council has determined to accept or reject the nomination and the award has been announced publicly.

The Honours and Appointments Committee will convene to consider the nomination/s submitted through the University Registrar.

In the event that a recommendation is made to Council, the recommendation as well as supporting documentation will be submitted for final consideration by the full Council.

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