

Honorary Degrees Policy

Policy Objective

The objective of conferment of honorary degrees is to recognise and reward persons who have contributed or are actively contributing to the University, in addition to one or more of the following:

- (a) having made an outstanding contribution to their chosen field(s) resulting in academic eminence, and/or
- (b) having given outstanding service to the community recognised as distinguished public service.

In each case assessment of candidates' service and achievements will be made in relation to their lifetime, thereby not precluding the conferment of an award on a young person of exceptional merit. The award of an honorary Masters degree will normally be made to those nominees who are in the early stages of their career.

Awards Available:	Doctor of the University (Hon.D.Univ.) Doctor of Letters (Hon.D.Litt.) Doctor of Science (Hon.D.Sc.) Doctor of Rural Science (Hon.D.Rur.Sc.) Doctor of Economics (Hon.D.Ec.) Doctor of Education (Hon.D.Educ.) Doctor of Resource Management (Hon.D.Res.Mgmt)
	Master of Arts (Hon.M.A.) Master of Science (Hon.M.Sc.) Master of Rural Science (Hon.M.Rur.Sc.) Master of Economics (Hon.M.Ec.) Master of Education (Hon.M.Ed.) Master of Resource Management (Hon.M.Res.Mgmt)

Procedure for Nomination

- (a) any proposal for the award of an honorary degree must first be discussed with the Vice-Chancellor
- (b) any person so nominated for the award of an honorary degree shall not be consulted beforehand, nor at any time prior to the Council's decision of the proposal, and all deliberations, investigations and recommendations relating to the nomination shall be treated as strictly confidential by all persons concerned therewith
- (c) any proposal for the award of an honorary degree must include a current Curriculum Vitae, outline of the reasons for making the proposal and a citation on the nominee suitable for presentation at a degree conferring ceremony
- (d) any proposal made on the grounds of academic achievement or distinction must be signed by at least three Professors of the University

- (e) any proposal made on the grounds of distinguished public service should be signed by three persons being Deans or Professors or members of the University Council
- (f) any proposal for the award of an honorary degree must, after being discussed with the Vice-Chancellor, be provided to the Dean of the relevant Faculty for endorsement and forwarding to the Vice-Chancellor for consideration
- (g) the Vice-Chancellor shall refer the proposals he/she considers appropriate to the Honorary Degrees, Titles and Tributes Committee of the University Council for consideration.

Notwithstanding the procedures outlined above, the Chancellor or Vice-Chancellor may make recommendations to the Honorary Degrees, Titles and Tributes Committee for the award of honorary degrees.

Selection Process

All proposals shall be referred by the Vice-Chancellor to the Honorary Degrees, Titles and Tributes Committee of Council and will be considered as follows:

- (a) the names and particulars of persons nominated for the award of an honorary degree will be placed before the Committee in confidence in accordance with the Standing Orders of the University Council;
- (b) the Committee shall consult, as appropriate, with the Dean of the relevant Faculty prior to recommending the award of an honorary degree;
- (c) where the proposal is made on the basis of academic eminence the Committee may seek advice from persons who are expert in the discipline;
- (d) the Committee, when it has decided to recommend the conferment of an honorary award to Council, will do so through the Chancellor who will make a report giving the Curriculum Vitae and citation of the person recommended and the reasons for the Committee's recommendation; and
- (e) no reference will be made to Council of people considered but not recommended by the Committee.

Timetable and Presentation

Proposals for honorary awards will be called for by the Office of the Secretariat in September of each year. All proposals must be forwarded to the Vice-Chancellor in accordance with the Policy on the date specified by the Office of the Secretariat.

All honorary degrees will be conferred on recipients at the graduation ceremonies in the following academic year, or at another appropriate ceremony.

Entitlements of recipients

Recipients of honorary degrees from the University will be entitled to wear at all occasions calling for the use of academic dress, the academic gown depicted by their award, in addition to using the relevant letters of the award behind their title.