

# Honorary Awards: Regulations

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### Introduction

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institution, known for the quality of its staff, its facilities and its links to employment sectors. It will offer an exciting and challenging student experience with excellent facilities which match the quality of its academic provision. It will be a local resource, a regional asset and a national and international centre of excellence.

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Doctor of Materials Technology (DMatTech) Doctor of Philosophy (DPhil) Doctor of Research (DRes) Doctor of Science (DSc) Doctor of Social Science (DSocSci) Doctor of Technology (DTech) Doctor of the University (DUniv) Master of Arts (MA) Master of Science (MSc)

Master of Engineering (MEng)

Master of Education (MEd)

Master of Business Administration (MBA)

Master of Design (MDes)

Master of the University (MUniv)

Community Fellowship Award

University who have attained national recognition in their field, not necessarily to an extent to warrant the award of an honorary doctorate or Masters.

#### 7. Nomination, Selection and Notification Procedures

#### a. Honorary Awards Committee

- i. The Committee is responsible to Senate for implementing procedures for the nomination, selection and notification of honorary awards and therefore possesses delegated powers of conferment from Senate.
- ii. Members of the Committee may make nominations for honorary awards in the usual way, but must declare an interest when such a nomination is being considered and may not take part in the selection process.

#### b. Nominations

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make arrangements, having taken advice from the Committee and the Vice Chancellor, to issue a call for nominations for honorary awards normally once per annum.

ii. Calls for nominations will be issued to University staff, students, (via the

local and regional community. Any member of staff or student from any of these constituencies may make a nomination, except as stated in 3.1.4 above.

- iii. Nominations will normally be made on the proforma designed for the purpose and made available on the University website
- iv. Those making nominations should under no circumstances divulge the fact to their nominee nor, preferably, to any other person not associated with some

part of the process. Nominations must be treated as confidential until the award is considered by the Honorary Awards Committee and the nominee has been informed accordingly under arrangements made by the Vice Chancellor.

#### c. Selection for Conferment

- i. The Committee shall meet as scheduled and additionally, as required, to consider nominations received and will pay due attention to the supporting statements, explaining how nominees meet the relevant criteria. Decisions of the Committee are final; there is no right of appeal against a decision.
- ii. The names of those selected by the Committee, accompanied by brief biographical details (e.g. post held, profession, achievement), will be notified to

confidential item.

iii.

negative) will be publicly divulged and the deliberations and minutes of meetings of the Committee will remain confidential to members. The Committee file will be kept in the care of the Secretary to the Committee, in the

decisions be sought by Senate, the Board of Governors, or an individual making a nomination, the Chair of Senate will respond in a way which does not compromise confidentiality.

- iv. Exceptionally, where there are reasons which make it necessary to act quickly in offering an honorary degree to a distinguished person (e.g. one who may be only temporarily in this country), the Committee shall have power to recommend the award of an honorary degree necessary. In such instances the Chair of the Committee shall report such awards at the next scheduled meeting of Senate
- v. The University reserves the right to withdraw the award if, in its opinion, the recipient, by continuing to hold that award, would bring the reputation of the University into disrepute. Such a decision will be taken by the Vice-Chancellor having taken advice from the Chair/Deputy Chair of the Honorary Awards Committee and Senate.

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