

HONORARY AWARDS POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Introduction

The Statutes of the University outline that Senate has the power to confer honorary awards. This policy outlines the Honorary Awards in place, the principles for the awards, and the procedure for approval of nominations. The Honorary Awards and Appointments Committee is responsible for the operation of this policy and reporting to Senate accordingly.

Principles

PRINCIPLES FOR THE AWARD OF DOCTORATES <i>HONORIS CAUSA</i>	PRINCIPLES FOR THE AWARD OF THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS <i>HONORIS CAUSA</i>
<p>The Committee will seek to recognise:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. figures of outstanding distinction in academic life, the arts, public life or international affairs; 2. exceptional service to the University by way of philanthropy. 3. exceptional academic service to the University, by way of scholarship or leadership, over an extended period <p>In applying the above criteria, the Committee will seek to achieve:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a balance between the academic disciplines represented within the University 2. a range of candidates from diverse backgrounds. <p>The Committee will exclude from consideration:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. any current holder of ministerial office, or any sitting member of the House of Commons, or any person having corresponding status in the political life of foreign states; 2. any currently serving member of the staff of the University of Buckingham. 3. anyone who would not add weight, stature or lustre to the University of Buckingham 4. anyone who may bring the University into disrepute. 	<p>The purpose of such an award shall be to recognise:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. members of the local community who have given long, active and valuable service to the University 2. distinguished service to the University by members of its administrative and non-academic staff over an extended period. 3. service to the University or public service rendered by alumnae and alumni, except where this is of a magnitude that would warrant consideration for a Doctorate <i>honoris causa</i>.

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| 5. anyone with a current commercial relationship to the University. | |
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Procedure for Approval

1. Secretary to the Honorary Awards and Appointments Committee sends out a call for nominations in Spring (April/May). Each School can submit a minimum of one nominee, using the Honorary Award Nomination Form.
2. The Honorary Awards and Appointments Committee meet in the Summer (Juy/August), in advance of the Summer Senate meeting; to discuss and agree the nominees for the following year.
3. Senate is provided with a summary of nominees, using the agreed template, for approval.
4. Invitations are sent to approved candidates in October/November by the Graduation Office.
5. Candidates who have accepted are presented with their Honorary Award at the Graduation Ceremony in March.

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