

Regulations for the award of Honorary Degrees and Fellowships and the process for nominations for Honorary Degrees and Fellowships

Regulations for the award of Honorary Degrees

Honorary degrees are conferred on persons of distinction who have made a major contribution to their field of endeavours and earned national and international distinction in activities which contribute to the advancement of their profession, learning, the arts or public affairs.

Honorary degrees shall be conferred in accordance with a resolution of the Senate on the recommendation of the Honorary Degrees and Fellowships Nominations Committee.

The Committee shall be empowered to make recommendations to the Senate at any time and shall also recommend the title of the degree to be conferred.

All members of the Senate and the Board of Governors will be invited annually to make recommendations, in confidence, for the award of honorary degrees. In addition, there will be an annual call for recommendations from all members of staff.

The Board of Governors shall be notified of the list of Honorary Degrees to be awarded annually.

Each recipient of an Honorary Degree shall be awarded that degree at a Graduation ceremony. An Honorary Degree shall not normally be awarded in absentia.

The following Honorary Degrees shall be awarded:

- Master of Arts (Hon MA)
- Master of Science (Hon MSc)
- Doctor of Arts (Hon DA)
- Doctor of Business Administration (Hon DBA)
- Doctor of Education (Hon EdD)
- Doctor of Health Sciences (Hon DHSc)
- Doctor of Laws (Hon LLD)
- Doctor of Letters (Hon D Litt)
- Doctor of Music (Hon DMus)
- Doctor of Science (Hon DSc)
- Doctor of Technology (Hon D Tech)
- Doctor of Theology (Hon DTh)

Regulations for the award of Honorary Fellowships

A person may be awarded an Honorary Fellowship in recognition of:

important and substantial services to Anglia Ruskin University;
contribution to the community life of Anglia Ruskin University and association with Anglia Ruskin University over a sustained period of time;
facilitation of links between Anglia Ruskin University and the community or a partner organisation.

The title Honorary Fellow will not normally be available to employees or Governors of Anglia Ruskin University.

Honorary Fellowships shall be conferred in accordance with a resolution of the Senate on the recommendation of the Honorary Degrees and Fellowships Nominations Committee.

The Committee shall be empowered to make recommendations for the conferment of an Honorary Fellowship to the Senate at any time.

All members of the Senate and the Board of Governors will be invited annually to make recommendations, in confidence, for the award of Honorary Fellowships. In addition, there will be an annual call for recommendations from all members of staff.

The Board of Governors shall be notified of the list of Honorary Fellowships to be awarded annually.

Each recipient of an Honorary Fellowship shall be awarded that Fellowship at a Graduation ceremony. An Honorary Fellowship shall not normally be awarded in absentia.

Honorary Degrees and Fellowships Nominations Committee

The Senate shall appoint a standing Honorary Degrees and Fellowships Nominations Committee to consist of:

- The Vice Chancellor;
- A Deputy Vice Chancellor to be nominated by the Vice Chancellor;
- The Deans;
- A lay member of the Board of Governors to serve a three year period nominated by the Chair of the Board of Governors;
- Two members elected by and from the Senate for a three year period; and
- PVC Corporate and International Development

Members, other than those who are members ex-officio, shall be eligible for re-election or re-nomination. Their membership of the Committee shall end if they cease to be a member of the body which nominated or elected them. Vacancies arising from resignations shall be filled by the appropriate nominating or electing body or person as soon as practicable.

The Committee shall consider the nominations for Honorary Degrees and Fellowships submitted. Members of the Committee may also propose nominations for consideration by the Committee.

Nominations shall be invited for submission to the Secretary of the Senate by a stated date each year. The nomination shall take the form of a short, up-to-date curriculum vitae such as an extract from Who's Who, together with a supporting letter, signed by the nominator and stating why an award should be considered, emphasising the perceived benefits to Anglia Ruskin University of making the award and specifying any relationship between the nominee and Anglia Ruskin University.

The Committee shall consider the nominations received, together with any nominations carried over from earlier meetings and shall recommend names for

Honorary Degrees and Fellowships to the Senate in the form of a report containing details of the candidates proposed. The report shall be circulated to members of the Senate at the meeting, but shall be returned to the Secretary of the Senate at the end of the meeting at which the report is considered.

Where the Senate approves a nomination recommended by the Committee, but the Honorary Degree or Fellowship is not conferred in the recommended period or on the recommended date, the nomination shall be brought before the Committee for reconsideration at the next scheduled meeting, together with such other nominations as it will have received.

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