

University of Salford

Regulations for the Award of Honorary Degrees

1. The University of Salford confers honorary awards on persons of distinction who have either made significant contributions to the work of the University (either by personal service or by other means) or have earned recognition for other activities more widely associated with service to the University, education, culture, industry and commerce, public life and voluntary service, science and the law.
2. The University confers the following honorary degrees:

Doctor of Arts honoris causa	(DArt)
Doctor of Business Administration honoris causa	(DBA)
Doctor of Laws honoris causa	(DLaws)
Doctor of Letters honoris causa	(DLitt)
Doctor of Science honoris causa	(DSc)
Doctor of the University honoris causa	(DUniv)
Master of Arts honoris causa*	(MA)
Master of Business Administration honoris causa	(MBA)
Master of Laws honoris causa	(MLaws)
Master of Science honoris causa	(MSc)
Master of the University honoris causa	(MUniv)
- * the Master of Arts complements both the Doctor of Arts and the Doctor of Letters.
3. An honorary degree at doctoral level is normally made to those who have made an outstanding contribution to the University or at a national and/or international level.
 - 3.1 The award of DArt is normally appropriate where the candidate has made an outstanding contribution in the field of Visual, Musical and other Arts.
 - 3.2 The award of DBA is normally appropriate when the candidate has made an outstanding contribution in the field of Commerce, Business or Management.
 - 3.3 The award of DLaws is normally appropriate where the candidate has made an outstanding contribution in the field of the Law.
 - 3.4 The award of DLitt is normally appropriate where the candidate has made an outstanding contribution in the field of Letters, Humanities or the Social Sciences.
 - 3.5 The award of DSc is normally appropriate where the candidate has made an outstanding contribution in the field of Science, Mathematics, Medicine, Engineering or Technology.
 - 3.6 The award of DUniv is normally appropriate where the candidate has made an outstanding contribution to the development of the University and/or to the field of Education and/or to a field other than cited in 3.1 to 3.5 above.
4. An honorary degree at Masters level is normally made to those who have made a major contribution to a specific area of the University or to the region.
 - 4.1 The award of MA is normally appropriate where the candidate has made a major contribution in the field of Letters, Humanities, Social Sciences or the Visual, Musical and other Arts.

- 4.2 The award of MBA is normally appropriate when the candidate has made a major contribution in the field of Commerce, Business or Management.
- 4.3 The award of MLaws is normally appropriate where the candidate has made a major contribution in the field of the Law.
- 4.4 The award of MSc is normally appropriate where the candidate has made a major contribution in the field of Science, Mathematics, Medicine, Engineering or Technology.
- 4.5 The award of MUniv is normally appropriate where the candidate has made a major contribution to a specific area of the University and/or to the field of Education and/or to a field other than cited in 4.1 to 4.4 above.
- 4.6 Additionally, the award of MUniv is normally made:
- i) to those who have made a major contribution in the early stages of their careers, and can be posed as an example and role model to current students; and/or
 - ii) former members of the University's staff, academic or professional and administrative and those who have worked closely with the University making a particular contribution to the life and development of the institution and where the impact has been local and/or regional rather than national and/or international.
5. Nominations will be considered from two sources:
- i) Deans of College will be contacted and asked to submit nominations representative of the disciplines from their College satisfying the criteria in 1 above. Following a process of consultation (including liaison with Heads of School), Deans of College will then submit recommended candidates, on a confidential basis, to University Executive in order for the Executive to consider and submit recommendations to Nominations and Governance Committee. Nominations and Governance Committee in turn makes recommendations for the award of Honorary Degrees to Council.
 - ii) A general call for nominations will be issued to all members of the University community. Nominations will then be submitted on the form provided and this process shall be managed by the Governance Services Unit. All nominations submitted will be supported by at least one other member of the University community. Nominations submitted through this route will be considered initially by the University Executive and the Executive shall make recommendations to the Nominations and Governance Committee. Nominations and Governance Committee in turn makes recommendations for the award of Honorary Degrees to Council. All submissions received through this route will be considered by the Committee.
- Nominations received via any other route will be referred to the Chair of the Committee and the Registrar and Secretary to determine whether they should be considered further. Nominations deemed to be worthy of further consideration will be considered initially by the Executive which will make recommendations to the Nominations and Governance Committee; Nominations and Governance Committee in turn makes recommendations for the award of Honorary Degrees to Council.
- Individuals submitting nominations should identify any personal or professional relationship with or knowledge of the person nominated.
6. No one may be nominated for an honorary award whilst currently employed by the University. Similarly, members of Council are not eligible to be nominated for an award while in office.

7. The Nominations and Governance Committee ensures that due consideration is given to ensure the following:
- that all honorary awards of the University are conferred upon individuals whose achievements and activities are resonant with the core values of the University.
 - that there is acceptable evidence of the listed achievements.
 - that the style and level of the honour reflects appropriately the nature of the achievement and/or contribution.
 - that the list of candidates nominated for honorary awards reflects the range of academic endeavour in which the University is engaged.
 - that the recipient of an award is wholly suitable.
 - that there is a negligible risk of adverse political consequences which might subsequently damage the reputation of the University if a particular honour is conferred.
 - that there is no risk of embarrassment to either the candidate or the University as a consequence of the award being made.
8. Other than in exceptional circumstances the candidate must be able to accept the award in person rather than in absence.

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