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Summary

What are these Regulations about?

The Regulations for the Award of Honorary Degrees are the Regulations for the conferment of honorary awards for those who have achieved distinction in their own fields of activity and through this have contributed to the wellbeing of society.

Who are these Regulations for?

This document will be of most interest to academic staff. It may also be of interest to the wider public.

How does the University check these Regulations are followed?

The Honorary Degrees Committee report directly to Academic Council.

Who can you contact if you have any queries about these Regulations?

If you are external to the University and you have any questions about these Regulations please contact the University's Quality Management Division (QMD) at qmd@port.ac.uk.

If you are internal to the University please contact your Faculty Associate Dean (Academic).

1. Awards

Any award of the University may be conferred in honorary mode. In addition, the following degrees may be conferred *honoris causa*:

Doctor of Divinity (DD)
Doctor of the University (DUniv)
Doctor of Engineering (DEng)
Doctor of Laws (LLD)
Doctor of Letters (DLitt)
Doctor of Music (DMus)
Doctor of Science (DSc)

2. Honorary Degree Committee

2.1 Authority

There shall be an Honorary Degrees Committee appointed by Academic Council and the Board of Governors which shall have delegated powers in respect of the determination of persons, or group of persons, on whom honorary degrees of the University shall be conferred. The Honorary Degrees Committee shall follow the procedures established by these Regulations.

2.2 Membership

The Honorary Degrees Committee shall be chaired by the Vice-Chancellor and shall include the Chairman of the Board of Governors.

2.3 Honorary Fellowships

The Honorary Degrees Committee shall also determine the persons on whom Honorary Fellowships of the University shall be conferred.

3. Eligibility

3.1 Honorary degrees

Conferment of honorary degrees shall be reserved for those who have achieved distinction in their own fields of activity and through this have contributed to the wellbeing of society. The honorary degree awarded, both as regards the level and the discipline will, as far as possible, reflect the nature of the achievements and the distinction of the candidate concerned.

3.2 Honorary Fellowship

Conferment of an Honorary Fellowship of the University shall be reserved for persons of distinction who have made, and may be expected to continue to make, a contribution to the life and work of the University.

4. Awards to groups of persons

Conferment of an award, when made to a group of persons, shall involve the presentation of an award and citation to each individual member of the group which shall be appropriate to, and reflect the nature of, their individual contribution to the joint achievement being recognised.

5. Nominations

The Vice-Chancellor shall establish the means of generating confidential nominations for consideration by the Honorary Degrees Committee.

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