

REGULATIONS FOR THE AWARD OF HONORARY DEGREES

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Summary

What is this document 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 is this for?

This document will be of most interest to staff. It may also be of interest to members of the alumni community and the wider public.

How does the University check this is followed?

The Honorary Degrees and Awards Committee report directly to Academic Council.

Who can you contact if you have any queries about this document?

If you are external to the University and you have any questions about these Regulations please contact Quality Assurance, Academic Standards and Partnerships - qasp@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 may be conferred honoris causa:

- Honorary Doctor of the University (HonDUniv)
- Honorary Fellowship of the University (HonFUniv)

2. Honorary Degrees and Awards Committee

2.1 Authority

There shall be an Honorary Degrees and Awards 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 and awards of the University shall be conferred. The Honorary Degrees and Awards Committee shall follow the procedures established by these Regulations.

2.2 Membership

The Honorary Degrees and Awards Committee shall be chaired by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research, Innovation and External Relations) and shall include the Chair of the Board of Governors.

The quorum for Honorary Degrees and Awards Committee meetings shall be 40% of the overall membership of the committee (rounded up to the next whole number where the calculation results in a fractional number).

Name	Role
Prof Jeremy Howells	Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research, Innovation and External Relations) (Chair)
Rebecca Di Pancrazio	Interim Academic Registrar
Peta Tattersall	Interim Director of Academic Services
Yvonne Howard	Director of Race and Equality
Chris Chang	Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Global Engagement and Student Life)
Sophie Dear	Head of Marketing, Alumni and Advancement
David Willan	Chair of the Board of Governors
Anna Clodfelter	Chief Exec, UPSU

Prof Anne Murphy	Executive Dean (Humanities and Social Science) (DVC Education from 01/11/23)
Prof David Sanders	Chair of Academic Staff Association
Prof Djamel Ait-Boudaoud	Executive Dean (Faculty of Technology)
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Dr Dominic Page	Executive Dean (Faculty of Business and Law)
Stephanie Slack	Quality Assurance and Academic Standards Adviser
Michelle White	Senior Administrator (Awards & Ceremonies) Secretary

3. Eligibility

3.1 Honorary Degrees

Conferment of Honorary Degrees shall be reserved for individuals who have achieved distinction in their own fields of activity. The Honorary Degrees and Awards Committee consider the inclusion of (though are not limited to) the following when making the selection:

- Relevance to the University by having one or more of the following:
 - Exceptional achievement and/or service to humanity
 - Have distinguished themselves above others.
 - Exceptional achievement/inspirational work in education or in line with the University's research and innovation strengths.
 - Exceptional achievement/inspirational work that aligns with the University's ambition, vision and strategy.
- Leadership and impact, at the civic, regional, national and/or international level, including the capacity to deliver reputational and/or relationship benefit to the University.
- Inspirational, innovative change makers who have shown a clear commitment to a better world.
- A champion for social responsibility/a just and equitable society.

Members will consider diversity and inclusion; including the selection of nominees who represent the full spectrum of ethnic and gender diversity in the UK, as well as the international character of the University.

3.2 Honorary Fellowship

Conferment of an Honorary Fellowship of the University shall be reserved for individuals of distinction. The Honorary Degrees and Awards Committee consider the inclusion of (though are not limited to) the following when making the selection:

- Having a sustained connection with, and be supportive of, the University, its civic mission and its wider community.

Members will consider diversity and inclusion; including the selection of nominees who represent the full spectrum of ethnic and gender diversity in the UK, as well as the international character of the University.

3.3 Exclusion Criteria

The below would not normally be considered for an Honorary Degree or Honorary Fellowship;

- Sitting Member of Parliament
- Existing Member of Staff
- Existing University Governor
- Posthumous Nomination

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 Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research, Innovation and External Relations) shall establish the means of generating confidential nominations for consideration by the Honorary Degrees and Awards Committee.

The Nominations form will be generated to include a set of checkboxes to identify:

- If the individual is to be nominated for an Honorary Doctor of the University (HonDUniv) or Honorary Fellowship of the University (HonFUniv)
- Under which qualifying criteria the nominee meets

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