

 BOND UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY HONORARY AWARDS POLICY
Policy Owner	Vice Chancellor
Contact Officer	Company Secretary and General Counsel
Endorsement Authority	Vice Chancellor
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1. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

From time to time the University Council wishes to acknowledge significant contributions made to the University or to society generally by members of staff, former members of staff and members of the wider community. The purpose of this Policy is to outline the criteria and procedure for candidates to be considered for, and awarded, an honorary award.

2. AUDIENCE AND APPLICATION

University Staff, Former Staff, Community

3. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Role	Responsibility
Honorary Awards Committee	Clause 6 Identify potential candidates and make recommendation to University Council
University Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Policy approval authority ▪ Clause 5 Establish the Honorary Awards Committee ▪ Clause 8 On recommendation of the Vice Chancellor rescind an Honorary Award

4. POLICY STATEMENT

4.1. Criteria

To be considered for an honorary award a candidate must possess personal attributes which reflect the highest ideals and standards to which the University is dedicated, and:

4.1.1. In the case of the award of the title of Emeritus Professor, a candidate must have:

- Served as a full professor of the University for a minimum period of five (5) years (or for a lesser period only in exceptional circumstances);
- made an outstanding contribution to the University; and
- have an outstanding scholarly record.

4.1.2. In the case of the award of an honorary DUniv, the candidate must have made an outstanding contribution to the University or to society generally.

4.1.3. In the case of the award of an honorary DArts, DBus, LLD, DLitt or DSc, the candidate must:

- have achieved professional standing of the highest order in the field of the relevant award; and
- have made an outstanding contribution to the University or to society generally.

5. HONORARY AWARDS COMMITTEE

Council has established the Committee. The members of the Committee are:

- The Chancellor as Chair (or in the case of a conflict, the Vice Chancellor);
- Vice Chancellor;
- Chair of Academic Senate; and
- Deputy Chair of Academic Senate.

The Company Secretary will be the secretary to the Committee.

6. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Terms of Reference of the Honorary Awards Committee are:

- To identify potential candidates for award of an honorary award, either on their own motion or considering candidates nominated by others and advised to the Company Secretary;
- To review the background of potential candidates; and
- To make a recommendation to the University Council for the award of an honorary award.

The recommendations of the Committee are not binding on Council.

Council may resolve to award an honorary award without referring the candidate for the award to the Committee but must do so generally in compliance with clause 4.1.

Council may, in exceptional circumstances, award an honorary doctorate in any academic discipline taught at the University.

7. BENEFITS

An honorary award does not represent an employment arrangement and does not confer any benefits such as access to University services, infrastructure or facilities.

8. RESCISSION OF AWARD

If a person who has received an Honorary Award subsequently comes into disrespect, or brings the University into disrepute, Council may, on the recommendation of the Vice Chancellor, rescind the Honorary Award.

9. DEFINITIONS, TERMS, ACRONYMS

Honorary Award means:

i) the award, *honoris causa*, of one of the following degrees:

- Doctor of the University (DUniv)
- Doctor of Arts (DArts)
- Doctor of Business (DBus)
- Doctor of Laws (LLD)
- Doctor of Letters (DLitt)
- Doctor of Science (DSc); or

ii) the award of the title of Emeritus Professor.

10. AFFILIATED PROCEDURES AND SCHEDULES

[Honorary Award Proposal Procedure](#)

11. MODIFICATION HISTORY

Date	Sections	Source	Details
16 April 2024	4.1, 5, 6, 9	Company Secretary	V4: Add DArts, amend Chair where there is a conflict, add 3 last sentences in TOR
25 October 2022	8	Company Secretary	V3.1: Added "or brings the University into disrepute"
2 October 2019			V3
18 February 2019			V2.1
8 February 2013			V2
9 August 2004			Date First Approved

APPROVAL AUTHORITY: Council

HONORARY AWARD PROPOSAL PROCEDURE

A proposal for an honorary award should be made by a member of Council, the Vice Chancellor or a member of the University Management Committee. A proposal should be sent to the Company Secretary and include the candidate's curriculum vitae, and a brief statement that sets out why the candidate is considered to have satisfied the criteria for appointment.

The Honorary Awards Committee will normally meet and consider the proposals and the supporting material supplied. The Committee will make a recommendation to Council.

The award of any honorary award will be made in the absolute discretion of Council. Once Council has resolved to make the award, the candidate will be formally notified by the Chancellor or Company Secretary.