



# Honorary Degrees Committee

## Purpose

Hartpury University Honorary Degrees Committee considers proposals for recipients of honorary degrees in line with the Academic regulations and guidance outlined in the terms of reference and makes recommendations to Academic Board.

## Composition

- Deputy-Chancellor (Chair)
- The Chair of Hartpury University Corporation
- Member of Hartpury Corporation nominated by the Board
- Chancellor
- Chief Operating Officer
- Deputy Principal Resources
- Pro Deputy-Chancellor
- Academic Registrar
- Academic Dean
- Dean of Teaching, Learning and Student Experience
- Heads of Department
- An Officer of the Students' Union
- Deputy Principal FE

## In attendance

- Officer: Hartpury University Graduation Coordinator ([Samantha.johnson@hartpury.ac.uk](mailto:Samantha.johnson@hartpury.ac.uk))
- Director of Marketing and Communications

## Terms of Reference

Consider and recommend candidates to Academic Board in line with the Hartpury University Academic Regulations and the following guidance:

1. Genuine achievement and distinction in an activity consonant with the mission, values and strategy of the University and our specialist industries, including: scholarship, the advancement of learning, welfare diversity and social responsibility, creativity and innovation, enterprise, public service; or significant demonstration of personal qualities that exemplify the University's values.
2. Being of sufficient standing professionally and personally to be an exemplar and of interest to undergraduate and postgraduate students attending the graduation ceremony, and to their families.
3. There may be an existing or possible future association between the individual and the University or city of Gloucester.
4. Inclusivity and diversity are important strands of our strategy. Nominations on behalf of people who identify as female and other frequently under-represented groups, that enhance the overall diversity of our honorary graduates, are therefore particularly welcome.
5. Honorary degrees will not normally be awarded to individuals in current employment at Hartpury University; former employees of the University might occasionally be honoured for exceptional service to the University; former academic staff that retain an honorary connection to the University (e.g. Emeritus Professors) might exceptionally be considered, where their particular achievement has impacted uniquely beyond the usual scope.

**Minimum number of members that must be present to constitute a valid meeting (Quorum):** One-third of the members eligible to attend.

**Frequency of meetings:** Meetings shall be held at least once per academic year.

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