Honorary Degree: Nomination Form

Please note the following guidelines relating to the award of an Honorary Degree:

As an academic institution, the University seeks to honour persons whose achievements demonstrate the intellectual and imaginative powers that the University has a responsibility to acknowledge and foster. The awarding of an Honorary Degree is the means by which Victoria University of Wellington acknowledges the distinguished contributions of certain individuals to those goals pursued by the University and welcomes those individuals to the body of graduates of the University.

This aim is not interpreted narrowly, but carries the implication that the award of an Honorary Degree is not the appropriate way to reward every kind of praiseworthy service to New Zealand society. (In some cases a civil honour is a more appropriate recognition).

An Honorary Degree will not be awarded in recognition of the achievements of a staff member during his or her term of employment in the University, nor to a current member of the University Council in recognition of Council duties. However, this shall not preclude the possibility that a former staff member may be recognised for achievements outside the responsibilities covered by the employment agreement, or that recognition may be given to a previous member of the University Council.

The Committee's consideration of nominations will take into account the fact that these are distinguished academic awards which should be given sparingly and then only to recognise excellence.

The Victoria University of Wellington Honorary Degrees and Hunter Fellowships Statute, states that nominations for honorary degrees or Hunter Fellowships must be "accompanied by a statement of the nominee's career and achievements, and the grounds for conferring the degree or fellowship in terms of the criteria set out in 4.2 and 4.3 of the Statute".

This form is designed to assist you to provide the information required for the Committee’s consideration. You should not consult the proposed nominee. It is important that confidentiality is maintained, and there should be no extensive canvassing. Please complete the form and send it, in confidence, to the Vice-Chancellor.

Full legal name of your nominee:

Name commonly used (if different from above):
Title(s):

Proposed honorary degree (circle one):

- Doctor of Commerce
- Doctor of Laws
- Doctor of Literature
- Doctor of Music
- Doctor of Science

Full address and contact details of your nominee:

Home address:

Office address:

Telephone: (w)........................ (h).................................

Email:

Under which of the following categories is the person nominated? (please circle)

(a) A graduate of Victoria University who has achieved national or international distinction in their chosen field, whether or not that field is directly related to the current academic interests of the University;

(b) A person who, not being a graduate of the University, has achieved national or international distinction in disciplines and fields of relevance to the academic programmes of the University. (NB: In this category, preference is given to an individual who also has a connection with, or has given service, to Victoria University or Wellington City);

(c) A person who has provided significant support for the academic interests and programmes of the University, particularly when that support has been provided over a sustained period.

With reference to the guidelines and criteria noted above please provide a statement of the reasons why the nominee should be considered for the award of an honorary degree.

Enlarge box as required
Formal qualifications of the nominee:

(Please list the full name of the qualification, the institution that granted the qualification and the year of conferment):

Enlarge box as required

Awards received by the nominee

(Please list the full name of the award and the year it was received)

Enlarge box as required

Fellowships held by the nominee:

(Please list the full name of the fellowship and the year it was received)

Enlarge box as required

Significant research outputs/publications:

Enlarge box as required
Other honours, achievements and community service:

Enlarge box as required

Other relevant information:

Enlarge box as required

Please provide the names and contact details of at least two persons who would be willing to comment, in confidence, on the suitability of conferring an Honorary Degree on the proposed recipient:

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2.
Name(s) and contact details of the nominator(s):

Nominators must be members of either (a) the Council, or (b) the Academic Board, or (c) the Committee on Honorary Degrees and Hunter Fellowships, or the staff of the University.

Signature(s) of the nominator(s)

Date: