

## **Honorary Degrees Committee**

### **2024-25**

#### **Committee purpose**

To consider nominations for honorary degrees, Gold Medals for Philanthropy or global impact in academic or social life, and Fellowships of the University; to award Fellowships and to make recommendations to Senate for the award of honorary degrees, and Gold Medals for Philanthropy or global impact in academic or social life. All academic committees operate in accordance with the University's governing documents – Charter, Statutes and Regulations – and the Public Interest Governance Principles.

#### **Membership**

- Vice-Chancellor (Chair)
- Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Provost
- Chair of Council
- Two other independent members of Council
- Four members of academic staff appointed by Senate for three years (two professorial and two non-professorial)
- Students' Union Council Representative

#### *In attendance:*

- Director of External Relations (Communications and External Affairs)
- Director of Planning
- Director of Development and Alumni Relations
- Member of the Governance Office (Secretary).

#### **Terms of Reference**

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- a) To be responsible to Senate for recommendations on whether or not honorary degrees should be awarded in any particular year, and if so their number and to whom they should be awarded.
- b) To be responsible to Senate for recommendations on whether or not any Vice-Chancellor's Gold Medals for Philanthropy should be awarded in any particular year, to individuals, foundations or corporations nominated by the Vice-Chancellor who have a strong association with the University and have, following due diligence, made an exceptional contribution to the institution through their philanthropic support, either as a one off gift or over a long period of time.
- c) To be responsible to Senate for recommending the award of Vice-Chancellor's Gold Medals to individuals associated with the University who have had a global impact in academic or social life.
- d) To be responsible, on behalf of Senate, for the award of Fellowships. The Committee may delegate to its Chair, or any member of staff, for the purposes of implementing policy, powers and functions which it is itself competent to perform.