The Terms of Reference for Honorary Degrees Committee are set out below:

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.