

## **Criteria for award of UCL Honorary Degrees, UCL Honorary Fellowships, UCL Honorary Medals and UCL Council Recognition of Outstanding Contribution**

- 1 The Council may approve the award of Honorary Degrees and election to the Honorary Fellowship of UCL [Statute 14]. Recipients of both these awards will normally have or have had a close association with UCL. However, for recipients of Honorary Degrees, this requirement may be balanced in certain cases by scholarly or intellectual excellence that is linked to UCL's ethos and values. The Council may also approve the award of UCL Honorary Medals.
- 2 Council may approve, on the recommendation of Honorary Degrees and Fellowships Committee, the recognition of the outstanding contribution of current UCL staff to UCL or more widely. Council will determine its approach to the recognition of the outstanding contribution on a case-by-case basis.

### **Criteria for Honorary Degrees**

- 3 Subject to the condition prescribed at 4 below, an Honorary Degree is awarded principally in recognition of exceptional scholarly or intellectual achievement, and contributions of unusual importance in academic fields or in public life. An Honorary Degree shall not normally be conferred on a serving politician or Head of State. Nominations for and award of Honorary Degrees may be made posthumously.
- 4 In respect of persons currently or formerly in the employment of UCL, an Honorary Degree may normally be offered only once a minimum of two years has elapsed since their leaving the employment of UCL.
- 5 The number of Honorary Degrees conferred each year shall not normally exceed six.
- 6 The Honorary Degrees that may be awarded are as follows:

Doctor of Laws (LLD)  
Doctor of Literature (DLit)  
Doctor of Literature (Education) (DLit (Ed))  
Doctor of Science (DSc)  
Doctor of Science (Economics) (DSc (Econ))  
Doctor of Science (Engineering) (DSc (Eng))  
Doctor of Science (Medicine) (DSc (Med))

## **Honorary Master of Arts**

- 7 The Honorary Degrees awarded will normally be Honorary Doctorates. However, the Council may on the direct nomination of the Provost approve the award of an Honorary Master of Arts degree to any UCL employee or former employee who in their opinion has made an exceptional and sustained contribution to UCL.

## **Criteria for Honorary Fellowships**

- 8 Subject to the condition prescribed at 9 below, the Council may elect as an Honorary Fellow any person who has rendered exceptional service or made a significant or outstanding contribution, including philanthropic support, to UCL. Nominations for and award of Honorary Fellowships may be made posthumously.
- 9 In respect of persons currently or formerly in the employment of UCL, an invitation of admission to the Honorary Fellowship may normally be offered only once a minimum of two years has elapsed since their leaving the employment of UCL.
- 10 The number of persons elected to the Honorary Fellowship each year shall not normally exceed six.

## **Criteria for UCL Honorary Medals**

- 11 The Council may approve the award of a UCL Honorary Medal to any current or recent UCL employee who in their opinion has made an exceptional contribution to UCL. Nominations for and award of Honorary Medals may be made posthumously.
- 12 The number of persons awarded a UCL Honorary Medal each year shall not normally exceed six.

## **Nomination rights for Honorary Degrees, Honorary Fellowships and UCL Honorary Medals**

- 13 All members of UCL shall be entitled to nominate persons to be considered for award of a UCL Honorary Degree or a UCL Honorary Medal or election to the UCL Honorary Fellowship.

## **Honorary Degrees and Fellowships Committee**

- 14 In exercising its powers under 1 above, the Council shall be advised by an Honorary Degrees and Fellowships Committee, comprising:

- a) the Chair of Council (in the Chair), *ex officio*;
  - b) the Provost, *ex officio*;
  - c) the Vice-President (Advancement), *ex officio*;
  - d) The Vice-President (External Engagement), *ex officio*;
  - e) the Vice-Provost (Research, Innovation and Global Engagement), *ex officio*;
  - f) The Pro-Provost (Bicentennial), *ex officio*;
  - g) one additional external member of Council appointed by the Council;
  - h) the Deans of the Faculties or their respective nominees;
  - i) the Students' Union UCL President, *ex officio*.
- 15 The Honorary Degrees and Fellowships Committee, in considering nominations for the election of Honorary Fellows, shall receive an annually updated summary of Honorary Degrees and Honorary Fellowships conferred by UCL to date; this summary to indicate, for each recipient, the field or fields in which they have achieved distinction and/or been active.
- 16 The Report and recommendations of the Honorary Degrees and Fellowships Committee shall normally be submitted to Council's second meeting of the Autumn Term.

## **Procedure**

- 17 A notice inviting nominations for award of Honorary Degrees and UCL Honorary Medals and election of Honorary Fellows in the ensuing calendar year shall be issued on behalf of the Provost each year in June.
- 18 Nominations for Honorary Degrees, UCL Honorary Medals and/or Honorary Fellowships shall be submitted by way of the appropriate nomination form and shall be signed by a nominator and by a seconder (the latter shall normally be the relevant Dean of Faculty or a Vice-President or Vice-Provost). Nominations must be received by the Secretary of the Honorary Degrees and Fellowships Committee by no later than 30 September.
- 19 Up to two nominations for Honorary Degrees and two nominations for Honorary Fellowships in any academic year may be made at any time by the Provost directly to the Council, following such prior consultation as he or she may deem appropriate. Direct nominations by the Provost may be brought to any meeting of the Council.