

REGULATION 10

DOCTOR OF DIVINITY (HONORIS CAUSA)



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Transitional note: The information covered in this regulation can now be found in Regulation 12 Honours and Prizes, effective 1 Apr 2024

- 10.1 The Council may confer the degree of Doctor of Divinity (*honoris causa*) on a person if the Council has decided that the award is
- a) an appropriate recognition of the person's sustained and distinguished contribution to theological scholarship or to the wider community in the area of religion, and
 - b) consistent with the University's vision and mission as approved by Council from time to time.

10.2 Nomination

A nomination of a person for the degree of Doctor of Divinity may be made to the Vice-Chancellor in writing by a member of Council or a College Principal. The nomination may include:

- a) a current curriculum vitae
- b) a statement of no more than two pages on how the nominee meets the criteria of Regulation 10, including evidence of a sustained and distinguished contribution to theological scholarship or to the wider community
- c) references from two eminent persons, one internal to the University and one external to the University.

The Vice-Chancellor must refer the nomination to the Governance Committee for assessment.

10.3 Assessment

The nomination is to be assessed by the Governance Committee having regard to the criteria of Regulation 10. The Committee may seek further information from any person at its discretion.

10.4 Recommendation

10.4.1 If the Governance Committee decides that it cannot recommend the award be made to the nominee, it must notify the Council that it has decided not to recommend the award but is not required to disclose the identity of the nominee.

10.4.2 If the Governance Committee recommends that the award be made to the nominee, it must prepare a citation and refer the recommendation and citation to Academic Board in confidence for approval. The recommendation may proceed to Council only if a

majority of all members of Academic Board give approval to the recommendation. If such approval is obtained, the recommendation and citation must be placed before the Council for its consideration.

10.4.3 The Council's decision on a nomination for the degree of Doctor of Divinity is final.

10.5 Notification

10.5.1 If Council agrees to confer the degree of Doctor of Divinity, the Vice-Chancellor must notify the nominee in writing and arrange a suitable occasion for conferral of the award.

10.5.2 If the Governance Committee decides that it cannot recommend the award be made to the nominee, or if the approval of a majority of members of Academic Board cannot be obtained on a recommendation of the Governance Committee, or if Council decides not to confer the title, the Vice-Chancellor must notify the nominator in writing that the nomination was unsuccessful.

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