

## **GLORY INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY DISTINTION PROGRAMS**

### **1. HONORARY DOCTORATE AWARD**

In the realm of academic recognition, within the auspices of the Glory International University, a precise and formal code of practice governs the conferment of honorary degrees. This distinguished process is ordained through the counsel of the Honors and Awards Committee and the discerning oversight of the University's esteemed Board, under the sagacious guidance of the President.

Each instance of granting an honorary degree is not merely an accolade but a profound gesture of acknowledgment, reserved for those whose lives resonate with extraordinary and enduring distinction. It is a symbol of the most exalted intellectual and moral virtues, a reflection of the very essence and ethos of the University itself.

The conferral of an honorary degree carries with it a mandate to exemplify the University's aspirations for its students. It is a commendation extended at a juncture when accomplishments are most vibrant, and actions are worthy of the highest commendations. An honorary degree, we assert, is to be reserved for individuals whose contributions have made a significant and sustained impact on the cultural, scientific, and social development of the State, nation, or the world at large.

These contributions must stand as a testament to the passage of time, enduring in nature, and validated by their national or international resonance. It is imperative that such recognition transcends the mere occupation of executive positions, public offices, or professorships, and is emblematic of the profound creativity and exceptional character of the individual's contributions.

The conferred honorary degree is intended for those who have earned a sustained reputation over many years. This reputation should extend well beyond the confines of the University and the State and, ideally, command national or international recognition. Letters of recommendation, in their breadth and scope, should attest to the widespread recognition of the individual.

The criteria for such a distinction encompass outstanding contributions across a spectrum of fields, including scholarly research, teaching and learning, the arts, public service, and business. The recipient may be a distinguished scholar in the natural, physical, or social sciences, the arts, or the humanities, or an eminent figure in public life, business, the professions, or the performing arts. Evaluation is rooted in the depth of intellectual and professional accomplishments and the consequential impact of these contributions on the enrichment and betterment of the State, nation, or the world.

The Honors and Awards Committee maintains a steadfast commitment to diversity in its selection process, striving to achieve a balance among various fields of activity, both within a given year and over a cycle of years. The aim is to achieve equitable representation of

academic and non-academic recipients and to acknowledge achievements spanning diverse domains.

In keeping with the principles of equality and equal opportunity, the Committee is dedicated to recognizing the exceptional accomplishments of women and minority individuals, in alignment with the institution's overarching goals.

The protocol also specifies the ineligibility of an active member of the University's faculty, administration, or staff.

With these comprehensive stipulations, the University's commitment to the solemn duty of conferring honorary degrees is defined. This policy seeks to maintain the highest standards of academic integrity and honor while paying homage to those whose contributions have left an indelible mark on the University's legacy.

## HONORARY DEGREE NOMINATION

The process of nominating candidates for honorary degrees is a carefully structured and formal procedure, designed to uphold the integrity and honor of the University. Nominations may be submitted to the Office of the President by a wide range of stakeholders, including faculty members, staff, students, administrators, members of the Board, and University alumni. It is essential to note that individuals are not allowed to nominate themselves.

The nominator is requested to furnish a detailed narrative letter outlining the candidate's accomplishments and providing compelling reasons for their recognition by the University. A biographical sketch of the nominee is to be included as part of the nomination package. Additional supportive documents, such as letters of endorsement for the nomination or publications about the nominee (either written by them or about them), are welcomed and may enhance the nomination.

The Office of the President assumes responsibility for collating the nomination dossiers, and may, if necessary, seek further information from the nominator. Once compiled, the dossiers are duplicated and transmitted to the members of the Honors and Awards Committee for their review.

In the initial phases of the academic year, the President convenes the Honors and Awards Committee, where deliberations are conducted. After careful consideration and discussion, the Committee members will select the nominees to be invited to receive an honorary degree. In addition, the President may be authorized to extend invitations to alternate nominees if the primary nominee declines the honor. The Committee plays a pivotal role in determining the number of awards to be recommended and their respective categories, aiming to ensure a judicious balance across various fields of endeavor and other relevant considerations. To guide this process, the Office of the President provides a list of previous recipients to maintain equilibrium in award categories. Furthermore, within a single field, both a nominee and alternate candidates may be chosen. Notably, an honorary degree cannot be conferred upon a recipient who has previously received this distinction.

A comprehensive report and a slate of nominees are subsequently presented to the Board who exercises its discretion in selecting the final honorees and also determines the date of

the award ceremony, typically taking place during Commencement or a special Convocation.

It is vital to emphasize that honorary degrees are typically conferred in person. In circumstances, where in-person conferment is not possible, honorary degrees may be awarded in absentia.

### **Safeguarding Privacy**

The protection of confidentiality throughout the nomination process is of paramount importance. All details about the nominations are considered strictly confidential. No deliberations regarding the nominees should occur beyond those directly engaged in the evaluation procedure. It is incumbent upon the President, or an authorized representative, to initiate contact with the candidates only after the Board has approved a list of nominees.

### **Honorary Degree Categories and Criteria**

The conferment of honorary degrees at the University encompasses four distinct categories, each underpinned by its own unique set of criteria:

#### **1. Doctor of Laws**

Awarded to individuals who have rendered distinguished service to the state, the nation, the realm of learning, or humanity at large. This recognition is reserved for those who possess not only exceptional intellectual prowess but also unwavering moral virtues, which position the recipient among individuals of profound culture and unimpeachable ethical principles.

#### **2. Doctor of Letters or Doctor of Fine Arts**

Bestowed upon those who have exhibited remarkable dedication and contributions to the fields of literature, art, music, or education. This category acknowledges individuals with widely recognized intellectual and moral qualities that have left an indelible mark in their respective domains.

#### **3. Doctor of Science**

Reserved for individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the field of science. Recipients in this category are distinguished by their service to the cause of scientific advancement, complemented by personal qualities and a depth of knowledge that merits recognition from esteemed educational institutions of high repute.

#### **4. Doctor of Humane Letters**

Granted to those whose distinguished service extends to broader, more general spheres. Recipients in this category demonstrate exceptional personal qualities and a breadth of knowledge that warrants recognition from revered educational bodies of elevated standing.

### **Honorary Degree Nomination Form**

- **Nominator Information**