

UNIVERSITY OF KENT

Honorary Degrees

Membership:

Chair: Vice-Chancellor and President (*ex officio*), [Professor Karen Cox](#)

Members:

Chancellor (*ex officio*), Dr Gavin Esler

Chair of the Council (*ex officio*), [Dame Ursula Brennan](#) (to 31.7.2023)

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (*ex officio*), [Professor Richard Reece](#)

Public Orator (*ex officio*) **one of:**

Dr Oliver Double (to 31.7.2022)

Professor Dan Lloyd (to 31.7.2022)

Four members of Council:

[Michael Crick](#) (to 31.07.2024)

Four members appointed by Senate:

Professor Mark Wass (to 31.7.2024)

Professor Sally Sheldon (to 31.7.2022)

Professor Alex Stevens (to 31.7.2022)

Professor David Wilkinson (to 31.7.2022)

President of the Students' Union (*ex officio*), [Aisha Dosanjh](#).

Secretary: [Dr Sinead Critchley](#), Director of Governance and Assurance, (Secretary to Council).

Quorum: one third of total actual membership with a lay majority. The Committee has 5 lay and 8 University members making a total of 13 so Quorum = 5 (with at least 3 lay members). (Approved by Council in December 2005)

Frequency of meetings: 1-2 p.a.

Terms of Reference:

Proposals for the conferment of honorary degrees shall be considered by a Joint Committee of the Council and the Senate. (Ordinance 25.2)

Award of Honorary degrees of DArts, DCL, DD, DLitt, DMus, DSc, DUniv and LLD

Award of Honorary Degrees in 2022 and onwards

If you submitted an application to the March 2021 Committee meeting, please note the following: The nomination goes to the Honorary Degrees Committee for consideration and can be rejected/sent back for further information/recommended for award. The Committee's recommendations are subject to approval by Senate and Council. They remain confidential until the individuals concerned have been approached informally by the Vice-Chancellor and have agreed to accept the awards. The details are then passed to the Development Office to liaise with the Honorary Graduant to identify a suitable congregation that works for their diary. The Development Office will also liaise with the person who put forward the nomination. Generally, the nominator will not hear anything until the Development Office gets in touch with them, unless the secretary gets back in touch for further information.

The next meeting of the University's Honorary Degrees Committee will take place on the 8 November 2022. All suggestions must be made using the nomination form below to ensure we receive all the necessary information to be properly considered at the Honorary Degrees Committee. Applications should be emailed to councilsec@kent.ac.uk by Thursday 27 October 2022.

To ensure the award of honorary degrees across a broad range of academic disciplines and subject areas it would be helpful to receive a number from each Division (for example one from each School/Centre).

Details of the honorary degrees currently available, criteria to be used by the Committee in determining recommendations for Senate and Council to approve and guidance notes can be found [here](#). The nomination form, which can be found [here](#). A list of honorary degrees conferred by the University since 1966 can be found [here](#).

[Procedure for the Revocation of Honorary Degrees.](#)

The Honorary Degrees Committee is also looking for suggestions of Public Orators, if you have any, or indeed if you wish to put yourself forward, please do email councilsec@kent.ac.uk by the 18 February 2022 and these will be discussed at the Committee and where appropriate put forward to Senate for approval. Information regarding the Public Orator role can be found [here](#).