Guidance Notes for assistance with Honorary Degree Nominations

1) For an academic nomination

Has the person achieved academic distinction in an academic discipline of the University?

Is the person very successful and pre-eminent in their field, a field that is important to the University’s scholarship and research, with a verifiable body of work and significant outputs?

Is the person recognised nationally and internationally within their field, for example are they a member or fellow of a learned society, and/or have they received a national or international honour?

Is the person considered an inspirational figure and have they encouraged or supported others, or acted as a role model?

Have they already received a considerable number of honorary degrees from other universities? The University prefers to honour those not over-burdened with other honorary degrees, if possible.

Does the person have a link to the University or the region? This is not essential but may strengthen a nomination.

2) For a non-academic nomination

Has the person made an exceptional and distinguished contribution to business, public life or service?

Is the person very successful and pre-eminent in their field, a field that is aligned to the University’s interests and values, with a verifiable list of achievements?

Is the person recognised at least nationally within their field, for example have they received a national or international honour or won a national or international prize?

Is the person considered an inspirational figure, to the University’s students and wider community, and have they encouraged or supported others, or acted as a role model?

Have they already received a considerable number of honorary degrees from other universities? The University prefers to honour those not over-burdened with other honorary degrees, if possible.

Does the person have a link to the University or the region? They could be a former student, someone originally from Kent or someone who currently lives in Kent and contributes to the county. This is not essential but may strengthen a nomination.

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