

Committee Terms of Reference: HONORARY AWARDS GROUP

Reports to: the Governance and Compliance Committee

Occurrence: Once a year

Terms of reference last reviewed: July 2018; last revised: July 2018; and next due for review: July 2020

Members:

- Vice-Chancellor (Chair)
- 1 Pro Vice-Chancellor
- 2 Senate Members
- 1 Non-academic staff Member
- 1 Student Member

6 members.

Quorum: 4 members.

In attendance:

- Director of Alumni Relations
- Head of the Vice-Chancellor's Office
- University Secretary

At the discretion of the Chair other University officers, as may be appropriate, shall be invited to attend meetings.

Remit:

The Committee shall meet annually to consider the nominations received for the conferral of Honorary Awards by the University, and agree a shortlist of suitable individuals for further consideration by the Governance and Compliance Committee, who in turn shall agree a suitable recommendation to Council.

Terms of reference:

1. To consider on behalf of the University Executive and recommend for approval by the Council, via the Governance and Compliance Committee:
 - a. All nominations received for the conferral of Honorary Awards of Aberystwyth University (Honorary Fellowships and Honorary Degrees), with a shortlist of suitable individuals agreed for further consideration by the superior bodies; and
 - b. The revocation of an Honorary Award previously conferred by the University.
2. To consider and have authority to approve on behalf of the University Executive:
 - a. Nominations to be made by the University for external Honours.

Operation

Nominations of suitable individuals shall be proactively invited each autumn in time for the meeting of the Honorary Awards Group. Nominations may also be submitted at any point of the year, and held back until the scheduled meeting of the Group.

In considering the nominations received, the Committee shall have due regard for the following criteria:

Honorary Fellowships

Honorary Fellowships are the main method of recognising individuals at Aberystwyth University and these are awarded to honour individuals who have, or have had a connection with Aberystwyth or Wales in general, and who have made an outstanding contribution to their chosen field. Those

conferred with an Honorary Fellowship are expected to establish a continuing relationship with the University and are invited to the annual Honorary Fellows' Dinner.

Doctorate honoris causa

Honorary Doctorate degrees may be conferred on those who have been outstandingly successful in their field, or who have a long record of renowned research and publication.

Bachelor of Arts honoris causa and Bachelor of Science honoris causa

Honorary Bachelor degrees may be conferred on individuals who meet the following criteria:

- a. members of Aberystwyth University staff without an entry-level degree in recognition of long-service, contribution and dedication to the Institution; and
- b. members of the local community who have made a significant contribution to Aberystwyth and the area.