



HONORARY AWARD REGULATIONS

Introduction

1. LSE's powers to make honorary awards are outlined in the Articles of Association (paragraph 3.1).
2. Council has the authority to confer, review and revoke honorary awards. Subject to the provisions of the Articles, Council may delegate elements of this authority to any person or body on such terms as it sees fit, provided that final decisions on conferral and revocation will be reserved to Council.
3. LSE may make the following honorary awards:
 - 3.1. Honorary Fellowship
 - 3.2. Honorary Doctorate: Doctor of Law (LLD); Doctor of Science (Economics) (DSc(Econ)); Doctor of Literature (DLit); Doctor of Science (Social Sciences) (DSc(SocSc)). Award of the honorary doctorate confers entitlement to use the approved post-nominals but not the title 'Dr'.

Criteria for Honorary Awards

4. Holders of honorary awards are expected to uphold LSE's values and reputation, and to be suitable role models for its students. They are also expected to act in a way that is consistent with the Nolan Principles of Public Life. Additional criteria for specific awards are set out in paragraphs 5 and 6 below.
5. Criteria for Honorary Fellowships
 - 5.1. Honorary Fellows have made an outstanding contribution to LSE and its community, above and beyond reasonable expectations and over a sustained period.
 - 5.2. The following members of LSE may be elected: former members of Council; and former members of staff, including Emeritus Fellows, Visiting Fellows and Visiting Professors.
 - 5.3. Honorary fellowships are not normally awarded to current members of Council and LSE staff, or to serving politicians.
 - 5.4. No more than 4-6 honorary fellowships are normally conferred each year.
6. Criteria for Honorary Doctorates
 - 6.1. Holders of honorary doctorates have shown outstanding achievement and distinction in an area of scholarship and/or a public activity which reflects LSE's guiding principles and original vision as 'a community of people and ideas, founded to know the causes of things, for the betterment of society'. They normally have an international or national profile.

- 6.2. Council may from time to time, and within the parameters of 6.1 above, identify areas of priority for award, such as alignment with LSE's strategic aims.
- 6.3. There is no requirement for holders of honorary doctorates to have a previous connection with LSE, but they may be alumni as defined by LSE Philanthropy and Global Engagement (PaGE).
- 6.4. Honorary doctorates are not normally awarded to: current members of Council and staff; former members of staff who spent a significant proportion of their career at LSE; honorary fellows or honorary graduates of LSE; holders of academic LSE doctorates; or serving politicians whose political activity is their primary claim to achievement and distinction.
 - 6.4.1. Visiting Fellows/Visiting Senior Fellows and Visiting Professors/Visiting Professors in Practice may be eligible for honorary doctorates where they are not undertaking paid work for the School.
- 6.5. No more than 2-4 honorary doctorates are normally conferred each year.

Nominations for Honorary Awards

7. The following individuals may make nominations in accordance with the published nomination procedures: current members of Council and its committees; current members of Academic Board; current members of staff; current students; and alumni as defined by LSE Philanthropy and Global Engagement (PaGE).
8. An individual may make a maximum of two nominations in one academic year.
9. Any person or body to which Council has delegated relevant authority will additionally have the discretion to make or solicit nominations for award as they see fit.
10. Nominations for honorary awards should be made in strict confidence and nominators should not communicate with nominees about a prospective or approved award unless authorised to do so.
11. A nomination may be approved, declined or, if further information is deemed necessary, reserved for reconsideration on one further occasion. Once a nomination has been declined, the same individual may not normally be nominated for an honorary award, whether by the same or a new nominator, unless at least three years has elapsed from the date on which the original nomination was declined.
12. Once a nomination is approved by the Committee, due diligence will be undertaken on the nominee. Where no concerns are by due diligence, the nomination will be put to Council for approval. Where due diligence results raise any concerns, they will be reviewed by the School Secretary for approval. The Secretary will have the discretion to either approve nominations, or refer them back to the Committee where there are significant reputational risks to consider.
13. Considerations of equity and diversity will also be taken into account when decisions are made.

Conferral of Honorary Awards

14. Conferral normally takes place at graduation ceremonies and only takes place *in absentia* in exceptional circumstances. If an honorand dies before their award has been conferred, then conferral is dated from the day before their death.
15. The conferral of awards will be overseen by Philanthropy and Global Engagement (PaGE).

Revocation of Honorary Awards

16. Honorary fellows and honorary graduates are expected to uphold LSE's values, to be suitable role models for its students and to act in a way consistent with the Nolan Principles of Public Life. In exceptional circumstances, it may come to light that an honorand, honorary fellow or honorary graduate either has not met or no longer meets the criteria for award described in paragraphs 4-6, above, or that their status as an award holder may bring LSE into disrepute. In such circumstances, Council may review and potentially revoke an honorary award, in accordance with these regulations.
17. Review of an honorary award is a serious matter and will not be undertaken lightly. Any review must be authorised by the Chair of Council following consultation with the Director and School Secretary. The individual concerned will be notified in writing that their award is under review and provided with a copy of these Regulations.
18. Any review of an honorary award will be conducted fairly and assess evidence provided in support of a claim that there has been breach of these Regulations and/or that there is reputational risk to LSE. The Chief Philanthropy and Global Engagement (PaGE) Officer and Director of Communications will be consulted, and other assurances will also be taken as appropriate.
19. Any review of an honorary award will be conducted with respect for the privacy of the individual concerned, although it may not always be possible for full confidentiality to be maintained about the existence of a review.
20. The findings of any review will normally be presented to Council for the outcome to be decided, together with proof of compliance with the requirements of paragraphs 16 and 17 above. Although there is a preference for the outcome of so serious a matter to be decided in committee, there may be situations in which a decision is needed urgently. In such a situation, the outcome may be decided by Council Chair's Action, provided that the outcome and proofs of compliance are reported to the next meeting of Council. The individual concerned will be notified in writing of the outcome.
21. LSE will not normally revoke honorary awards made to individuals who are no longer living.

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