



LSBU Honorary Awards

Honorary Awards are conferred by LSBU based on the recipient's "exceptional services to the University". There should preferably be some connection, whether academic, professional or personal, between the awardee and the University or its geographic area. This may be local residence, former membership of the University, or sympathy with the mission or stakeholders of the University. Evidence of prior engagement with the University will also be taken into account. LSBU will normally make up to 8 honorary awards of each year.

Eligibility

An honorary award will not normally be conferred on:

- a serving member of the Board of Governors
- a current employee or student of the University
- a 'serving politician' including: Members of Parliament; Front bench members of the House of Lords; Other leading active members of a political party; Persons in similar positions in other countries.

However, honorary awards may be made to: Back-bench members of the House of Lords even if affiliated to a political party; An 'elder statesman' or person retired from high Ministerial office who is unlikely to hold a Cabinet office position again even if they remain a Member of Parliament; Serving Heads of State.

Further points taken into account when making an award

1. The University will consider the conferment of an honorary award to someone who already possesses such awards from other UK institutions, dependent on the number of previous awards.
2. In making awards, the University aims for a reasonable balance between the Schools. It also aims at a gender and ethnicity balance.
3. The University does not normally accept a re-nomination after two previous unsuccessful attempts, unless there has been a long interval since the previous nomination and there is a significant change in the case being put forward.
4. Honorary awards (Degrees and Fellowships) are not mutually exclusive, although instances where both awards are made to the same individual are expected to be rare.
5. Fellowships and doctorates are of equal standing but awarded in recognition of different kinds of contribution.

6. DUniv recipients are entitled to use the letters DU LSBU (Hon.) after their name and may be referred to as Dr, but this must always be in conjunction with “(Hon.)” after the surname.
7. All nominations for honorary awards must be treated with the strictest of confidence. There must be no contact with the nominee prior to the nomination being considered by the Honorary Awards Committee.
8. The University will solicit nominations for honorary awards from Staff, Alumni (or alumni consultative group), Students, the Board of Governors. Where a member of the Awards Committee nominates they must declare an interest and take no part in the formal determination of that candidate
9. The Board of Governors may revoke the award of an honorary degree if good reasons have been clearly demonstrated.

Expectations of Awardees

The University welcomes continued engagement with its Honorary Graduates and Fellows to enrich the life of the University and experience of students. It is expected that the recipient of an award will usually:

- (a) address the congregation at the Graduation Ceremony at which their award is conferred
- (b) be prepared to be involved in University events or promotional activities
- (c) be an ambassador for the University

Anti-Bribery

Honorary awards are not made in exchange for financial support. There is adequate separation and transparency between the processes of making awards and accepting financial gifts. LSBU has three robust and separate policies and processes with regards to the acceptance of donations (gifts), the making of honorary awards; and bribery: the Gift Acceptance Policy (regarding donation); the Procedures and Criteria for the Selection of Recipients of Honorary Awards; and the Anti-Bribery Policy.

Award Criteria

Honorary Degrees

LSBU may award Honorary Degrees (Honoris Causa) to recognise individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to scholarship in an area relevant to a particular LSBU School. This would usually be considered as showing international standing within their field.

Honorary Fellowships

LSBU may award Honorary Fellowships to recognise individuals who have

- a) made an exceptional contribution to the University
- b) made an exceptional contribution to the University's local or regional community

We define an exceptional contribution to the University as support which goes substantially beyond what might reasonably be expected in the context of their relationship to the University. This is likely to vary depending on the relationship of the individual to the University but should show a significant impact on the University's ability to deliver its objectives or benefits for the University's key stakeholders.

DUniv

LSBU may award DUniv to recognise individuals who have:

- a) made an exceptional contribution in an area or field related to the interests of the University
- b) attained distinction in the arts, literature, sport or public life
- c) attained distinction professionally or in some other way in a field related to areas of study represented in the University