

## **CRITERIA FOR AWARD OF UCL HONORARY DEGREES, HONORARY FELLOWSHIPS, UCL HONORARY MEDALS AND UCL COUNCIL RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION**

- 1 The Council may approve the award of Honorary Degrees and election to the Honorary Fellowship of UCL [Statute 14]. Recipients of both these awards will normally have or have had a close association with UCL. However, for recipients of Honorary Degrees, this requirement may be balanced in certain cases by scholarly or intellectual excellence that is linked to UCL's ethos and values. The Council may also approve the award of UCL Honorary Medals.
- 2 Council may approve, on the recommendation of Honorary Degrees and Fellowships Committee, the recognition of the outstanding contribution of current UCL staff to UCL or more widely. Council will determine its approach to the recognition of the outstanding contribution on a case-by-case basis.

### *Criteria for Honorary Degrees*

- 3 An Honorary Degree is awarded principally in recognition of exceptional scholarly or intellectual achievement, and contributions of unusual importance in academic fields or in public life. An Honorary Degree shall not normally be conferred on a serving politician or Head of State.
- 4 The number of Honorary Degrees conferred each year shall not normally exceed six.

### *Honorary Master of Arts*

- 5 The Honorary Degrees awarded will normally be Honorary Doctorates. However, the Council may on the direct nomination of the Provost approve the award of an Honorary Master of Arts degree to any UCL employee or former employee who in their opinion has made an exceptional and sustained contribution to UCL.

### *Criteria for Honorary Fellowships*

- 6 The Council may elect as an Honorary Fellow of UCL any person who has rendered exceptional service or made a significant or outstanding contribution, including philanthropic support, to UCL.
- 7 The number of persons elected to the Honorary Fellowship each year shall not normally exceed six.

### *Criteria for UCL Honorary Medals*

- 8 The Council may approve the award of a UCL Honorary Medal to any recent UCL former employee who in their opinion has made an exceptional and sustained contribution to UCL.
- 9 The number of persons awarded a UCL Honorary Medal each year shall not normally exceed six.

### *Nomination rights for Honorary Degrees, Honorary Fellowships and UCL Honorary Medals*

- 10 All members of UCL shall be entitled to nominate persons to be considered for award

of a UCL Honorary Degree or a UCL Honorary Medal or election to the UCL Honorary Fellowship.

- 11 Nominations for and award of Honorary Medals may be made posthumously.

*Honorary Degrees and Fellowships Committee*

- 12 In exercising its powers under 1 above, the Council shall be advised by an Honorary Degrees and Fellowships Committee, comprising:

- (a) the Chair of Council (in the Chair), *ex officio*;
- (b) the Provost, *ex officio*;
- (c) the Vice-Provost (International), *ex officio*;
- (d) the Vice-Provost (Advancement), *ex officio*;
- (e) one additional external member of Council appointed by the Council;
- (f) the Deans of the Faculties or their respective nominees;
- (g) the Students' Union UCL Union Affairs Officer, *ex officio*.

- 13 The Honorary Degrees and Fellowships Committee, in considering nominations for the election of Honorary Fellows, shall receive an annually updated summary of Honorary Degrees and Honorary Fellowships conferred by UCL to date; this summary to indicate, for each recipient, the field or fields in which they have achieved distinction and/or been active.

- 14 The Report and recommendations of the Honorary Degrees and Fellowships Committee shall normally be submitted to Council's second meeting of the Autumn Term.

*Procedure*

- 15 A notice inviting nominations for award of Honorary Degrees and UCL Honorary Medals and election of Honorary Fellows in the ensuing calendar year shall be issued on behalf of the Provost each year in June.

- 16 Nominations for Honorary Degrees, UCL Honorary Medals and/or Honorary Fellowships shall be submitted by way of the appropriate nomination form and shall be signed by a nominator and by a seconder (the latter shall normally be the relevant Dean of Faculty or a Vice-Provost). Nominations must be received by the Secretary of the Honorary Degrees and Fellowships Committee by no later than 30 September.

- 17 Up to two nominations for Honorary Degrees and two nominations for Honorary Fellowships in any academic year may be made at any time by the Provost directly to the Council, following such prior consultation as he or she may deem appropriate. Direct nominations by the Provost may be brought to any meeting of the Council.