

Policy History
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Honorary Degrees and Awards Policy

A. CONTEXT AND PURPOSE

Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU) (“the University”) recognizes outstanding individuals for their contributions and accomplishments either in or outside of the University Community.

B. SCOPE AND LIMITS

This Policy guides the awarding of all honorary degrees and awards conferred by the University. These awards include honorary degrees, distinguished service awards, distinguished teaching awards, distinguished scholarship awards and emeritus/emerita designations.

C. STATEMENT OF POLICY PRINCIPLES

1. The University recognizes the outstanding contributions and accomplishments of individuals both within and outside the University.
2. The University uses various honours such as honorary degrees, distinguished service awards, distinguished teaching awards, distinguished scholarship awards and emeritus/emerita designations to draw attention to outstanding contributions and accomplishments.
3. The University is committed to selecting recipients who reflect the diversity of interests, backgrounds, and concerns reflected in the University community.
4. The contributions and accomplishments that the University recognizes include, but are not limited to:
 - a. community and public service
 - b. contributions to the arts, humanities, social sciences, science and technology and other fields of study
 - c. long-standing service to the University and/or the educational community served by the University
 - d. examples of outstanding teaching

5. The University provides the following awards:
 - a. Distinguished Scholarship Award
 - b. Distinguished Service Award
 - c. Distinguished Teaching Award
 - d. Emeritus/Emerita Designation
 - e. Honorary Doctorate Degree
6. The University establishes eligibility, criteria and nomination procedures for the awards.
7. The University ensures a fair and open nomination process with a requirement that nominations are supported by evidence of broad support.
8. Selection of these individuals will be accomplished through (an) independent body (or bodies) established within the University for that purpose.
9. The designation of Emeritus/Emerita may be terminated by Senate if the individual brings KPU into disrepute.
10. Senate has the authority to rescind any honorary award if the individual brings KPU into disrepute.

D. DEFINITIONS

Refer to the related Procedures document for definitions which will enhance the reader's interpretation of this Policy.

E. RELATED POLICIES & LEGISLATION

HR6 Service Recognition

F. RELATED PROCEDURES

Refer to AD5 Honorary Degrees and Awards Procedure