

HONORARY DOCTORATE DEGREES

Approval Authority	Senate and Board of Governors
Responsible Executive	President
Related Policies / Legislation	<i>University Act s.35.2 (5)(b)</i>

PURPOSE

The Honorary Doctorate Degree is the highest form of recognition offered by the University of the Fraser Valley. Honorary doctorates may be awarded in the following categories: Doctorate of Letters, Doctorate of Laws, or Doctorate of Technology (*in accordance with the Order in Council #185, 2002*).

POLICY

The UFV Honorary Degree Selection Committee reviews nominations annually and makes recommendations to Senate. With the approval of Senate and the Board of Governors, the Chancellor confers the honorary doctorate at convocation. Normally, no more than one honorary doctorate will be awarded at each convocation ceremony. Recipients are expected to be present to receive the award, and are invited to give a brief address to the convocation. They will also be invited to return to UFV at a later date to give a longer address and meet with faculty, staff, and students.

Awards will not normally be made posthumously.

REGULATIONS

Nominations

UFV employees, students, alumni, members of the Board of Governors, and members of the Honorary Degree Selection Committee may submit nominations.

Nominees must not be current members of the UFV Board of Governors, current UFV employees, current students or anyone with direct political, legal, or budgetary authority over UFV.

Nominations should be in writing and include supporting documentation. Letters of support are welcome but the nominee should not be informed of the nomination. The Committee may seek additional information.

Confidentiality and Communication

All nominations and supporting materials will be treated in strictest confidence by the Honorary Degree Selection Committee, the Senate, and the Board of Governors. Only the Chair (normally the President) will speak on behalf of the Committee and communicate with award recipients.

Selection Criteria

Honorary doctorates will be awarded to those well recognized for distinguished and visionary leadership and achievements consistent with UFV's core values, mission, and goals. They will exemplify the highest personal and professional standards that serve as an inspiration and model for students, faculty, staff, and our communities. They may be eminent researchers, scholars, professionals, creative artists, performers, athletes, or persons renowned for exemplary public service regionally, nationally, or globally. It will be evident that their contributions have enriched society and the quality of life.

Although not all areas of achievement can be recognized in any one year, over the course of several years the awards should reflect the diversity of UFV's academic programs, research, and support services. The awards should also reflect the social and cultural diversity of our region.

Normally, awardees will not have received honorary doctorates from other institutions.

Membership of the Honorary Degree Selection Committee

Eleven Voting Members:

- UFV President (or designate) as Chair
- UFV Chancellor (or designate)
- One member of the Board of Governors, appointed annually by the Board
- Two members of Senior Administration, appointed annually by the President
- Four members appointed annually by Senate, including at least two faculty members and one student
- One member appointed annually by the UFV Alumni Association Board of Directors
- One student appointed annually by the Student Union Society

The Executive Assistant to the President will serve as the Committee secretary

Timelines

Nominations are welcome at any time, but for consideration for award at the next convocation ceremonies, nominations must be submitted by the end of January of that year. Nominations will be compiled by the Committee secretary.

The Committee will begin deliberations early in January. Recommendations will normally be submitted to Senate for approval in March. Nominations approved by Senate will be considered for approval by the Board of Governors at the Board's next meeting.
