Honorary Award and Title Policy

1 Purpose

To provide information and guidance on the Honorary Awards and Titles that may be conferred by the Council of the University.

2 Scope

This policy applies to all University Employees and Students as well as to persons external to the University.

3 Policy Statement

The Council of the University, through its Honorary Awards Committee, may confer Honorary Awards and Titles upon appropriate persons, whether or not they are a Graduate of the University.

The purpose of conferring Honorary Awards and Titles is to:

1. acknowledge distinguished and/or significant contribution to the University and/or community; or
2. acknowledge strong advocacy of, and contribution to, the ideals of the University; or
3. recognise outstanding scholarship and/or professional practice in one or more disciplines or professions.

4 Principles

The awarding of Honorary Awards and Titles has the potential to bring recognition to the University, or to bring the University into disrepute. Therefore, in considering a nomination, the Honorary Awards Committee shall consider its merit, and also observe the following governing principles:

- An Honorary Award or Title will not normally be made to a person while serving as a community or Student member of Council or other University committee or board.
- An Honorary Award or Title will not normally be made to an Employee or voluntary office

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bearer of the University during their period of service.

- An Honorary Award or Title will not normally be made to persons currently holding political office.
- An Honorary Award or Title may be awarded posthumously or in absentia.

The Council has adopted the following principles regarding doctoral Awards:

- The Doctor of Philosophy degree (PhD) at the University is solely an earned doctorate.
- The Doctor of the University degree (HonDUniv) is an honorary doctorate to be awarded by the Council for service to the University or to the community
- All higher doctorates, with the exception of honorary doctorates, are earned through formal enrolment as a candidate for study or conferred by the Council in recognition of academic or professional eminence in a particular area or discipline.

5 Status of Honorary Awards and Titles

Honorary Awards and Titles are purely titular in that they confer no rights on the recipient and carry with them no formal academic qualification. Honorary Awards do not form part of the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) as they are not qualifications issued as a result of an accredited and completed Academic Program. Honorary Awards and Titles are a means through which the University may acknowledge an individual's outstanding scholarly and/or professional achievements and/or service to the University and/or the community.

6 Revocation of Honorary Awards and Titles

The Council may, at its sole and unfettered discretion, cancel an offer of an Honorary Award or Title, or revoke an Honorary Award or Title:

- if the recipient has engaged in activities which have brought disrepute to the University;
- if the recipient's continued association with the University would bring disrepute to the University.

Upon cancellation of an offer or revocation of the Honorary Award or Title by the University Council, the individual is advised in writing that they are no longer permitted to cite or imply that they are a recipient of the Honorary Award or Title. Additionally, the University will request the return of any materials issued including academic dress, Testamur, citation and/or medal.

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7 References

Nil.

8 Schedules

This policy must be read in conjunction with its subordinate schedules as provided in the table below.

9 Policy Information

Accountable Officer	Vice-Chancellor
Responsible Officer	University Secretary
Policy Type	Governance Policy
Policy Suite	Honorary Award and Title Procedure Honorary Award and Title Schedule
Subordinate Schedules	Honorary Award and Title Schedule
Approved Date	27/6/2022
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Relevant Legislation	
Policy Exceptions	Policy Exceptions Register
Related Policies	Admissions, Enrolment and Graduations Policy
Related Procedures	
Related forms, publications and websites	Honorary Awards Committee - Terms of Reference List of Honorary Awardees
Definitions	**Terms defined in the Definitions Dictionary**
	Academic Program An approved Higher Education Award of the University, consisting of a combination of Courses the successful completion of an offering of which, together with any credit transfers and Exemptions in accordance with the relevant requirements, will fulfil the prescribed

requirements for that particular Award.

Award

The qualification conferred upon a Student following the successful completion of an Academic Program. The categories of Award are listed in the Program Nomenclature Schedule .

Council

Council means the governing body, the University of Southern Queensland Council.

Employee

A person employed by the University and whose conditions of employment are covered by the Enterprise Agreement and includes persons employed on a continuing, fixed term or casual basis. Employees also include senior Employees whose conditions of employment are covered by a written agreement or contract with the University.

Graduate

A Student upon whom Council has conferred an Award.

Student

A person who is enrolled in a UniSQ Upskill Course or who is admitted to an Award Program or Non-Award Program offered by the University and is: currently enrolled in one or more Courses or study units; or not currently enrolled but is on an approved Leave of Absence or whose admission has not been cancelled.

Testamur

A certificate issued by the Council of the University to signify that a Student has satisfied the requirements of a specific program and has graduated.

Title

A term used to specify a particular academic rank or recognise a particular contribution to the University or the community.

University

The term 'University' or 'UniSQ' means the University of Southern

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