**Types of honorary award**

At its graduation ceremonies (July), the University can confer the following honorary awards:

1. Honorary Doctorate: awarded to individuals who have madean **outstanding contribution to academic, local, regional, national or international life**
2. Honorary Fellowship: awarded to individuals who have made an **outstanding contribution to the University**
3. Distinguished Honorary Fellowship: awarded in **extraordinary cases** to individuals who have made an **exceptional contribution to the University and public life and/or higher education**

**Criteria**

**Honorary Doctorate**

The University expects nominees **to meet the majority** of the criteria below:

* has a long-standing connection to the local area or region
* has contributed, or could contribute, to the academic life of the University
* has demonstrated exceptional academic achievement
* has made an outstanding contribution to public/civic life
* will enhance the reputation of the University
* will provide a long-term positive relationship and/or development opportunities for the
* is expected to uphold the values and ethos of the University

**Honorary Fellowship and Distinguished Honorary Fellowship**

The University expects nominees to have made an**:**

* **outstanding** contribution to the University (Honorary Fellowship)
* **exceptional** contribution to the University **and** public life and/or higher education (Distinguished Honorary Fellowship)

**Who can make nominations?**

Nominations can be made by:

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| * current BGU staff * current BGU students * retired BGU staff | * BGU alumni * current University Council members * former University Council members |

**Those making nomination(s) must declare any potential conflict of interest.**

The University will not usually consider:

* self-nominations
* proposals where there is reason to believe that the intended recipient has encouraged or been actively involved in the nomination process
* nominations for current serving politicians
* nominations for existing BGU honorary award holders
* nominations for current BGU employees, University Council or committee members

**Nomination and approval process**

* A call for nominations is issued by Governance. Proposers complete a one-page form in the first instance and email this to Governance.
* Nominations will be considered by the Honorary Graduates Subgroup (of Senate) to ensure criteria are met.
* Proposers of nominations that meet the criteria will be asked to complete a more detailed nomination form which will be submitted to Senate.
* Senate’s recommendations will be submitted to the Governance and Nominations Committee.
* The Governance and Nominations Committee’s recommendations for approval will be considered for final approval by the University Council.

**Strict confidentiality must be observed until a nomination has been fully considered. This may extend until the ceremony at which a nominee receives the award.**

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