

## NOMINATIONS FOR HONORARY FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORARY DEGREES

Each year, Aberystwyth University recognises persons of distinction, traditionally by presenting them with Honorary Fellowships or Honorary Degrees. The list of current Honorary Fellows and those presented with an Honorary Degree can be found at: <https://www.aber.ac.uk/en/about-us/honorary-awards/>.

At its meeting each autumn, the Honorary Awards Group will consider the nominations received and make suitable recommendations to the University's Senate and Council.

### CRITERIA

In considering the nominations received, the Group shall have due regard for the following criteria:

#### Honorary Fellowships

Honorary Fellowships are the main method of recognising individuals at Aberystwyth University and these are awarded to honour individuals who have, or have had a connection with Aberystwyth or Wales in general, and who have made an outstanding contribution to their chosen field. Those conferred with an Honorary Fellowship are expected to establish a continuing relationship with the University and are invited to the annual Honorary Fellows' Dinner.

#### Doctorate *honoris causa*

Honorary Doctorate degrees may be conferred on those who have been outstandingly successful in their field, or who have a long record of renowned research and publication.

#### Bachelor of Arts *honoris causa* and Bachelor of Science *honoris causa*

Honorary Bachelor degrees may be conferred on individuals who meet the following criteria:

- a. members of Aberystwyth University staff without an entry-level degree in recognition of long-service, contribution and dedication to the Institution; and
- b. members of the local community who have made a significant contribution to Aberystwyth and the area.

### ELIGIBILITY

In introducing additional awards which can be used to recognise individuals of distinction, the University has also agreed that, with very few exceptions, it would be inappropriate to confer any of the above-listed awards to:

1. Serving politicians, and those employed in their offices; and
2. Current and retired members of academic staff at Aberystwyth, where the University may confer other honours upon them.

## PROCESS

The following process will be followed when considering nominations, and the same process is followed to nominate individuals for all awards:

1. Nominations for Honorary Fellowship and Honorary Degrees should be submitted to the University Secretary ([secretary@aber.ac.uk](mailto:secretary@aber.ac.uk)) by a specified date each autumn.
2. All nominations should be made using the attached form. Individuals are requested to indicate which form of award they believe is most appropriate for the nominee, although the Committee shall not be bound by the response provided. Should the University require any further information on nominees, it will contact the individual submitting the nomination as necessary.
3. Nominations received will be considered by the Honorary Awards Group in the autumn, with onward recommendations then being made to the University's Senate and Council.
4. Where the Group so wishes, nominations may be held back for further consideration alongside those nominations received the following year. The University will not notify the individuals submitting the nominations should this happen. Neither will individuals be informed where the Committee feels unable to take a nomination forward.
5. All nominations are considered in confidence by the Group, Senate and Council, and those nominated should not be made aware that they have been put forward for an award.
6. Once approved by Senate and Council, those being offered an award will be contacted by the University and arrangements made to have their awards conferred, usually in the degree ceremonies held during July annually.

## ADVICE

Should you wish to discuss a possible nomination informally before submitting it, you are welcome to approach the Vice-Chancellor (as Chair of the Honorary Awards Group) or the University Secretary (as Clerk to the Group). Please contact the University Secretary, in the first instance on 01970 622 114 or [secretary@aber.ac.uk](mailto:secretary@aber.ac.uk).