

Policy and Procedures for
Solicitation of Recommendations
For Persons to Receive Honorary Degrees

The Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate solicits recommendations from the general faculty for recipients of honorary degrees to be awarded by the University. Recommendations will be reviewed, initially, by the Executive Committee and final nominees will be determined in executive session of the Faculty Senate at its regular February meeting. Nominations approved by the Faculty Senate will be submitted to the Board of Trustees in March for approval. (Nominations approved by the Faculty Senate will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for approval at the regular Annual meeting held in the spring. Approved Honorary Degrees will be awarded at the next May Commencement.)

The honorary degree nominees must be persons who have distinguished themselves nationally or internationally in their field, or person who have contributed significantly to the University's development and progress by their substantial involvement and giving of their time, talent, or resources to strengthen the intellectual vitality and general health of the University.

The following guidelines are offered for consideration of the faculty in submitting recommendations for honorary degrees.

1. Persons considered for an honorary degree normally will be classified in one of more of the following categories:
 - a. National figure whom TCU would like to honor
 - b. An individual with renown in their field
 - c. TCU alumnus and/or emeritus faculty member
 - d. Individuals who have made significant contributions to the University. The nominees may be alumni, former faculty or staff, or leaders in a range of fields but should have strong ties to TCU.
2. Persons currently active in political life (sitting politicians) are not eligible for honorary degrees.
3. TCU will award no more than six honorary degrees each twelve months.
4. Recommendation and nomination of an individual is conducted on a confidential basis.
5. A person recommended one year but who did not receive an honorary degree may be considered in succeeding years.

6. In rare circumstances when a distinguished guest is invited to campus for a major address, the Senate may convene in Executive Session to consider whether the award of a degree would be appropriate or desirable.
 7. Recommendations may be made by individual faculty or by TCU departments or schools. The form for submission of recommendations is attached. All completed recommendations must be received by the Secretary of the Faculty Senate by January 21.
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Recommendation for Honorary Degree

1. Name
2. Current Address
3. Date and place of birth (if known)
4. Honorary degree recommended (e.g., Doctor of Law, Doctor of Divinity, Doctor of Science, Doctor of Letters)
5. Education
6. Career history
7. Publications (if any)
8. Community, State, and National Service
9. Awards
10. Recommended by
11. Please include a one-page exposition not to exceed 150 words which gives the major qualitative reasons the individual is being recommended for an Honorary Degree from Texas Christian University.

Approved by the Faculty Senate
2 December 1999