

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE - JAMES COOK UNIVERSITY HONORARY AWARDS

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| Award and Abbreviation | Honorary Doctor of the University HonDUniv | Honorary Doctorate <i>honoris causa</i> (Doctor of:) Commerce (HonDCom) <i>honoris causa</i> Economics (HonDEc) <i>honoris causa</i> Educational Studies (HonDEd) <i>honoris causa</i> Engineering (HonDEng) <i>honoris causa</i> Laws (HonLLD) <i>honoris causa</i> Letters (HonDLitt) <i>honoris causa</i> Medicine (HonDMD) <i>honoris causa</i> Science (HonDSc) <i>honoris causa</i> | Honorary Doctorate (Doctor of:) Commerce (HonDCom) Economics (HonDEc) Educational Studies (HonDEd) Engineering (HonDEng) Laws (HonLLD) Letters (HonDLitt) Medicine (HonDMD) Science (HonDSc) | Fellow of the University Fellow JCU |
| Criteria for the award | <p>The award of Honorary Doctor of the University will generally be conferred upon a person who has had a strong association with the University and/or whose eminent achievement is not based on a particular discipline or field of study, but rather through service to the university, or wider society through business or public service.</p> <p>Factors to be taken into consideration for the Award of an Honorary Doctor of the University:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • service that an individual has rendered to the University which is of an exceptional or exemplary nature which has significantly contributed toward the advancement of the University's well-being or reputation; • the length of time the nominee has been involved with, contributed to, or employed by, the University in a senior capacity; and • have upheld the principles and values of professional behaviour outlined in the Student Code of Conduct. <p>It is acknowledged that such service may be rendered either as a past senior member of staff, past member of Council, or by a member of the community associated with the University. A further consideration would be the length of time the nominee has been involved with, contributed to or employed by the University in a senior capacity.</p> | <p>The award of a degree <i>honoris causa</i> shall be in recognition of a distinguished career involving exceptional achievement and academic eminence, of a standard commensurate with that required for a higher doctorate of the University.</p> <p>Factors to be taken into consideration for the award of a degree <i>honoris causa</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • exceptional achievement and academic eminence in a field of study or discipline offered by the University; • as well as recognizing normally either outstanding service which an individual has rendered to the University beyond the level customarily expected in the execution of the person's duties; or • exceptional contributions to the advancement of human well-being; and • have upheld the principles and values of professional behaviour outlined in the Student Code of Conduct. | <p>The University may award an Honorary Doctorate of Letters, or a discipline based honorary doctorate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Honorary Doctorate of Letters will generally be conferred upon a person who has made an eminent contribution in a field or discipline for which JCU does not have a named degree. • An Honorary Doctorate in a named discipline will generally be conferred upon a person who has made an eminent contribution in a field or discipline for which JCU has a named degree. <p>Factors to be taken into consideration for the award of an honorary Doctorate include one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • outstanding service or distinguished public contribution to the northern Queensland and/or Singaporean communities; • exceptional service which an individual has rendered to the University, comprising either academic excellence, distinguished creative achievement or the exercise of outstanding leadership; and • exceptional contributions beyond the expectations of the nominee's particular field of endeavour, which have influenced the thinking or general well-being of humanity. | <p>The award of Fellow of the University will generally be conferred upon a person who has made a distinguished contribution to the University or to wider society, through public service or academic achievement.</p> <p>Factors to be taken into consideration for the Award of a Fellow of the University include one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • significant service to the Northern Queensland and Singaporean communities; • significant service which an individual has rendered to the University; • significant contributions to the advancement of human well-being; and • have upheld the principles and values of professional behaviour outlined in the Student Code of Conduct. <p>Other factors that may be taken into account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • significant support for the improvement of the University; • major contributions toward activities resulting in the significant development or promotion of the University. |
| Testamur | The conferral of an Honorary Award shall be evidenced by a Testamur issued under the Seal of the University. | | | |
| Academic Dress | <p>Bonnet - Tudor bonnet of royal blue velvet with gold cord around crown with two small gold tassels.</p> <p>Gown - Royal blue Cambridge-style Doctor of Philosophy with facings and linings in gold satin. Royal Blue Oxford-style hood fully lined in gold satin.</p> | <p>Bonnet - Tudor bonnet of royal blue velvet with gold cord around crown with two small gold tassels.</p> <p>Gown - Royal blue Cambridge-style Doctor of Philosophy with facings and linings in blue satin with a gold edging stripe in satin. Royal Blue Oxford-style hood fully lined in blue satin with a gold edging stripe in satin.</p> | <p>Bonnet - Tudor bonnet of royal blue velvet with gold cord around crown with two small gold tassels.</p> <p>Gown - Royal blue Cambridge-style Doctor of Philosophy with facings and linings in blue satin. Royal Blue Oxford-style hood fully lined in blue satin.</p> | <p>Bonnet - Royal blue trencher with a royal blue tassel.</p> <p>Gown - Royal blue Cambridge-Style Doctor of Philosophy with facings in blue satin (sleeves not lined). Blue satin-lined hood in royal blue (reverse of the Honorary Doctorate).</p> |
| Entitlements | <p>The bestowal of any Honorary Award of the University entitles the recipient to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the receipt of reasonable travel-related expenses to attend the Graduation Ceremony, such expenses to be borne by 'University Commitments Account – Overheads – Council Expenses'; • to use the title 'Doctor' when at the University; • cite the official award abbreviation as a post nominal. The official abbreviation, (eg. HonDEd) can be recorded on a Curriculum Vitae and, for example, as an entry in the Australian edition of "Who's Who". • membership of Convocation; and • the right to wear the Academic Dress, gifted by the University and approved for that Honorary Award, on ceremonial occasions. | | | |
| Link to forms | See Awards & Cermonies Committee page under 'Ceremonial Matters' | | | |