

Guidance for Honorary Award Nominations

Honorary awards allow Brunel to mark the contribution made by exceptional individuals to the University and/or wider society. The awards bring prestige to the University and to recipients.

Honorary Degrees

Honorary Degrees are intended for those whose distinction and achievements are outstanding and command international or national recognition. Nominees will be expected to have made a distinguished contribution to their chosen field and/or have made an outstanding and exemplary contribution to public life. A list of current holders of Brunel Honorary Degrees can be found at <http://www.brunel.ac.uk/about/people/honorary-graduates>

Nominations for Honorary Degrees must demonstrate the achievement of the nominee. Nominations should include details of the individual's career to date; what is distinctive about it, an indication of their standing in relation to their peers nationally and internationally, and the reason why their particular achievements are seen to merit the award of an Honorary Degree from Brunel University London.

When reviewing nominations consideration will be given to the extent to which a nominee serves as an example of ambition and achievement; embodies the aims, values and mission of the University; and serves as a role model to our students, alumni and staff. A connection with the University is desirable but is by no means essential.

Nominations for active politicians and Heads of State are not excluded but will not normally be considered. Nominations from a wide range of people are encouraged.

The University will normally award no more than four to six honorary degrees in any one year.

Honorary Fellowships

Honorary Fellowships are intended for those who have established close working relationships with the University and have made a significant contribution to its development, and for retired staff who have given exceptional service and contribution to the University. A list of current holders of Brunel Honorary Fellowships can be found: <http://www.brunel.ac.uk/about/people/honorary-fellows>.

Who can submit a nomination?

All current staff, current students, the Union of Brunel Students, members of Council, and other members of the University are entitled to nominate persons to be considered for Honorary Degrees, Fellowships and the Vice-Chancellor's Awards.

Each year the Committee receives a number of nominations where insufficient information has been provided about how the nominee meets the specific criteria for an award. Please ensure your nomination makes clear how the nominee meets the criteria for the relevant award.

How to submit a nomination

A call for nominations is made each year via staff email and IntraBrunel, via the Union of Brunel Students, and through relevant Committees (e.g. Council). The call for nominations will outline the submission date.

The call for nominations includes links to the Nomination Form for each award. The correct form must be completed in full for any nomination you wish to make.

What happens next?

All the nominations submitted by the deadline will be considered for approval to Senate and Council. Once Council approves nominations, the successful nominees are offered the opportunity to accept the award and to attend a Brunel University Graduation Ceremony, or other appropriate event, to receive the award and celebrate with friends and colleagues.

Will I be informed of the outcome of my nomination?

You will be informed of the outcome of your nomination after Council has approved the nominations, and nominees have been informed of the award.