

Uva Wellassa University

The adoption of the following policy is recommended by the Senate Standing Committee on Quality Assurance and the Senate of Uva Wellassa University.

Policy Title:	Policy on Awarding Honorary Degrees at Uva Wellassa University
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I. Purpose Statement

The purpose of this Honorary Degrees Policy is to establish guidelines and procedures for the awarding of honorary degrees by Uva Wellassa University. Honorary degrees are conferred to recognize individuals of exceptional merit and accomplishment in fields aligned with the mission and values of the university.

II. Types of Honorary Degrees

Uva Wellassa University may confer different types of honorary degrees, such as

- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
- Doctor of Science (DSc) or
- others, based on the nominee's contributions and field of expertise

III. Eligibility Criteria:

- i. Nominees for honorary degrees must have demonstrated outstanding achievements, leadership, and contributions in areas such as academia, public service, business, arts,

sciences, or other fields relevant to the university's mission.

- ii. Nominees should embody the values and ethos of the university, serving as inspirational role models for the academic community and society at large.

IV. Nomination and Selection Process

- Nominations for honorary degrees may be submitted by members of the university community, including academic staff, alumni, and administrators.
- The Honorary Degrees Committee, appointed by the Senate of Uva Wellassa University, will review nominations and assess the alignment of nominees with the university's values and mission.

V. Honorary Degree Selection Committee

The Honorary Degree Committee is convened by the Vice Chancellor and is comprised of the following committee members

- Vice-Chancellor (Chairperson)
- Deans of faculties
- Three Senior Professors/Professors based on their expertise
- Registrar (Convener)

VI. Terms of References (TOR) of Honorary Degree Selection Committee

- i. Nomination Review:
 - Evaluate nominations received for honorary degrees, ensuring nominees align with the university's values and mission.
 - Request additional information or clarification if needed.
- ii. Committee Deliberations:
 - Engage in thorough discussions to assess the merits and accomplishments of nominees.
 - Ensure a diverse representation of fields and backgrounds among recipients.
- iii. Recommendation:
 - Present a shortlist of candidates to the Senate for the recommendation.
 - Provide comprehensive documentation supporting each recommendation.
- iv. Confidentiality:
 - Uphold strict confidentiality in all matters related to the nomination and evaluation process.
- v. Revocation Consideration:
 - Regularly review the conduct and contributions of existing honorary degree recipients.
 - Consider the revocation of honorary degrees in exceptional cases inconsistent with the university's values

VII. Ceremony and Recognition:

- Honorary degree recipients will be invited to participate in a university ceremony, where they will be presented with the degree.
- The university will publicly acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of honorary degree recipients through press releases, university publications, and official events.

VIII. Frequency of Awards:

- The awarding of honorary degrees will be conducted at intervals deemed appropriate by the university leadership, taking into consideration the significance of the accomplishments of potential recipients and the overall tradition of the institution.

IX. Revocation:

- In exceptional circumstances, where an honorary degree recipient's actions are inconsistent with the values and principles of Uva Wellassa University, the university reserves the right to revoke the honorary degree.

X. Review and Amendments:

- This Honorary Degrees Policy will be periodically reviewed by Senate-Uva Wellassa University leadership to ensure its relevance and effectiveness. Amendments may be made as deemed necessary.

XI. Implementation:

- The implementation of this policy is the responsibility of Senate-Uva Wellassa University leadership, including the Honorary Degrees Committee and relevant administrative offices.

XII. Approval:

- This Honorary Degrees Policy is approved by the Uva Wellassa University Council.

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