

## Guidelines on the conferment of honorary degrees on lay members of Council

- Consideration may be given to the award of an honorary degree to a lay member of Council. Where an award is made in recognition of a lay member's contribution to the work of the University over a substantial period of time, it would be necessary for the recipient to have retired as a member of Council. Length of service would, however, not in itself provide sufficient justification for the award of an honorary degree.
- Very occasionally an honorary degree may be conferred on a lay member of Council in recognition of the significant contribution made by the individual concerned to a field of interest outside the University. In these circumstances it would not be inappropriate for such a degree to be conferred on a serving member of Council.
- The University wishes to emphasise the exceptional nature of such an award. The recognition of an individual in this way must, as in the case of a member of staff, involve distinguished service which would clearly set that person apart from other lay members of Council.