UNIVERSITY OF KENT

**Honorary Degrees**

**Membership**:

**Chair**: Vice-Chancellor and President *(ex officio)*, [Professor Karen Cox](https://www.kent.ac.uk/about/governance/profiles/3948/cox-karen)

**Members:**
***Chancellor*** (*ex officio*), [Dr Gavin Esle](https://www.kent.ac.uk/office-vice-chancellor/chancellor)r

***Chair of the Council*** *(ex officio)*, [Dame Ursula Brennan](https://www.kent.ac.uk/about/governance/profiles/3874/brennan-dcb-ursula) (to 31.7.2023)

***Deputy Vice-Chancellor****(ex officio)*, [Professor Richard Reece](https://www.kent.ac.uk/about/governance/profiles/3941/reece-richard)

***Public Orator****(ex officio)****one of***:
Professor Julie Anderson (to 31.7.2024)

Dr Beth Breeze (to 31.7.2024)

Dr Christopher Burden-Stevens (to 31.7.2024)

Professor Heejung Chung (to 31.7.2024)

Dr Chris Deacy (to 31.7.2024)

Dr Graeme Forbes (to 31.7.2024)

Professor Darren Griffin (to 31.7.2024)

Professor Rosemary Hunter (to 31.7.2024)

Mr Lawrence Jackson (to 31.7.2024)

Professor Karen Jones (to 31.7.2024)

Dr Dunstan Lowe (to 31.7.2024)

Dr Louise Naylor (to 31.7.2024)

Professor Catherine Richardson (to 31.7.2024)

***Four members of Council***:
[Michael Crick](https://www.kent.ac.uk/about/governance/profiles/3992/crick-michael) (to 31.07.2024)

*Vacancies in the process of being appointed for 2022-23*

***Four members appointed by Senate***:
Professor Mark Wass (to 31.7.2024)
*Vacancies in the process of being appointed for 2022-23*

***President of the Students’ Union*** (*ex officio*), Zaid Mahmood

**Secretary**: [Dr Sinead Critchley,](https://www.kent.ac.uk/about/governance/profiles/3873/critchley-sin%C3%A9ad) Director of Governance and Assurance, (Secretary to Council).

**Quorum**: one third of total actual membership with at least one lay member. The Committee has 4 (reduced from 5) lay and 7 (reduced from 8)University members making a total of 11 (reduced from 12) so Quorum = 4 (reduced from 5) (with at least 2 (reduced from 3) lay members).

**Frequency of meetings:**1-2 p.a.

Terms of Reference:

Proposals for the conferment of honorary degrees shall be considered by a Joint Committee of the Council and the Senate. (Ordinance 25.2)

**Award of Honorary degrees of DArts, DCL, DD, DLitt, DMus, DSc, DUniv and LLD**

**Award of Honorary Degrees in 2022 and onwards**
If you submitted an application, please note the following: The nomination goes to the Honorary Degrees Committee for consideration and can be rejected/sent back for further information/recommended for award. The Committee’s recommendations are subject to approval by Senate and Council. They remain confidential until the individuals concerned have been approached informally by the Vice-Chancellor and have agreed to accept the awards. The details are then passed to the Development Office to liaise with the Honorary Graduand to identify a suitable congregation that works for their diary. The Development Office will also liaise with the person who put forward the nomination. Generally, the nominator will not hear anything until the Development Office gets in touch with them, unless the secretary gets back in touch for further information.

**The next meeting of the University’s Honorary Degrees Committee will take place in November 2022. All suggestions must be made using the nomination form below to ensure we receive all the necessary information to be properly considered at the Honorary Degrees Committee. Applications should be emailed to** **councilsec@kent.ac.uk****(deadline to be confirmed).**

To ensure the award of honorary degrees across a broad range of academic disciplines and subject areas it would be helpful to receive a number from each Division (for example one from each School/Centre).

Details of the honorary degrees currently available, the criteria to be used by the Committee in determining recommendations for Senate and Council to approve can be found on the Council SharePoint site. [Guidance Notes](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.kent.ac.uk%2Fgovernance%2Fdownloads%2Fcouncil%2FHonorary%2520Degrees%2520Criteria%2520and%2520Guidance%2520notes%25202021.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK) and the [Nomination form](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.kent.ac.uk%2Fgovernance%2Fdownloads%2Fcouncil%2FHonorary%2520Degree%2520Nomination%2520form%2520-%2520September%25202021.docx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK) are also available on the SharePoint site, along with a list of honorary degrees conferred by the University since 1966.

[Procedure for the Revocation of Honorary Degrees](https://www.kent.ac.uk/governance/honorary-degrees/Revocation-Procedure.pdf).

**The Honorary Degrees Committee is also looking for suggestions of Public Orators, if you have any, or indeed if you wish to put yourself forward, please do email** **councilsec@kent.ac.uk****and these will be discussed at the Committee and where appropriate put forward to Senate for approval. Information regarding the Public Orator role can be found on the Council SharePoint site.**