

## THE UNIVERSITY OF KENT

### Appointment of a Chancellor of the University of Kent from 1 February 2024

Students, staff, alumni and members of the University's Senate, Council and Court are invited to suggest names of suitable people who might be appointed as Chancellor of the University of Kent.

The Chancellor's principal duties are:

1. to preside at the University's Degree Ceremonies;
2. to chair the University's Court (held once per year);
3. to be a member of the University's Honorary Degrees Committee (which considers proposals for the award of honorary degrees and makes recommendations for approval by the University's Senate and Council);
4. to represent the University externally on appropriate occasions as agreed with the Vice-Chancellor;
5. to visit the University regularly for social events and working meetings as appropriate to their interests as agreed with the Vice-Chancellor.

The time commitment is currently about 20-25 working days per year (including Congregations).

Suggested names should be accompanied by a brief explanation as to why the individual might be appropriate for appointment and how they meet the criteria outlined below. Submissions should be made on the [online form here](#). Suggestions will be considered by a Joint Committee for the Appointment of the Chancellor, and an agreed recommendation will be forwarded to the Senate and Council for approval.

The Joint Committee will use the following criteria against which to consider suggestions received, and upon which it will base its recommendation.

1. The Chancellor should be someone from whom students are inspired and proud to receive their degrees.
2. The Chancellor should be able to demonstrate the highest quality and integrity in their chosen walk of life.
3. They should have a clear commitment to the values of the University: education and research, community, embracing change, excellence and potential, and equality, diversity and inclusion.
4. The Chancellor should have a commitment to the purpose and value of higher education and in opening it up to the widest group of people.
5. They should be supportive of the University's overseas role and reach.
6. They should not be currently active in national politics although political experience could be valuable.
7. The Chancellor must not hold comparable office at any other higher education institution.
8. Whilst a previous connection with the University, the City of Canterbury, or the region of Kent and Medway is likely to be seen as attractive, the Committee will consider this desirable rather than a requirement.