

HONORARY DOCTORATE DEGREES

Approval Authority	Senate and Board of Governors
Responsible Executive	President
Related Policies / Legislation	<i>University Act s.35.2 (5)(b)</i>

PURPOSE

The honorary doctorate degree is the highest form of recognition offered by the University of the Fraser Valley. UFV may award Honorary doctorates in the following categories: Doctorate of Letters, Doctorate of Laws, or Doctorate of Technology (*in accordance with the Order in Council #185, 2002*). An honorary degree is a UFV credential that recognizes notable contributions to the university or society, and serves to inspire convocation attendees. UFV views the nominee's acceptance as reflecting and promoting UFV's vision, mission, and values.

POLICY

The UFV Honorary Degree Selection Committee reviews nominations annually and makes recommendations to Senate and Board of Governors. With the approval of Senate and the Board of Governors, the Chancellor confers the honorary doctorate at convocation. Normally, UFV only awards one honorary doctorate at each convocation ceremony. UFV expects recipients to be present to receive the award, and invites them to give a brief address to the convocation. Upon approval by Senate and the Board of Governors, UFV may revoke an honorary degree for reasons of inappropriate conduct.

REGULATIONS

Nominators

UFV employees, students, alumni, members of the Board of Governors, and members of the Honorary Degree Selection Committee may submit nominations.

Confidentiality and Communication

The Honorary Degree Selection Committee, the Senate, and the Board of Governors treat all nominations and supporting materials in the strictest confidence. UFV only informs selected recipients of their nomination. The committee chair (normally the President) speaks on behalf of the committee and communicates with award recipients.

Selection Criteria

UFV awards honorary doctorates to those well recognized for distinguished and visionary leadership, achievements consistent with UFV's vision, mission, and values, and contributions that have enriched

society and the quality of life. Recipients exemplify the highest personal and professional standards that serve as an inspiration and model for students, faculty, staff, and our communities. They may be eminent researchers, scholars, professionals, creative artists, performers, athletes, or persons renowned for exemplary public service regionally, nationally, or globally.

Although recognizing all areas of achievement in any one year might not be possible, over the course of several years the awards reflect the diversity of UFV's academic programs, research, and support services. The awards also reflect the social and cultural diversity of our region.

Normally, UFV does not award honorary degrees as follows:

- Posthumously
- To anyone with political, legal, or budgetary authority over UFV, including all elected officials.
- To current UFV employees, students, or members of the Board of Governors.

Membership of the Honorary Degree Selection Committee

Eleven Voting Members:

- UFV President (or designate) as Chair
- UFV Chancellor (or designate)
- One member of the Board of Governors, appointed annually by the Board
- Two members of Senior Administration, appointed annually by the President
- Four members appointed annually by Senate, including at least two faculty members and one student
- One member appointed annually by the UFV Alumni Association Board of Directors
- One student appointed annually by the Student Union Society

Procedures

The President develops and publishes procedures related to this policy. To view current procedures, go to <https://www.ufv.ca/president/>.
