

Regulations for Honorary D. Litt.

❖ PREAMBLE

The conferment of the Honorary Doctor of Literature is the most distinguished honour that OPJS University can bestow on an individual. This honour of the University is to be conferred on a distinguished person who has consistently made outstanding contributions over a considerable period of time in the pursuit of skills and outstanding achievements in any discipline.

However, the conferment of Honorary Doctor of Literature will not necessarily be an annual feature.

❖ CRITERIA FOR THE AWARD

- Conferment of the honorary degree should be within the areas related to a skill.
- The person to whom the honorary degree is to be bestowed, should have consistently outstanding contributions over a considerable period of time (over 20 years) in the pursuit of skill and outstanding achievements in the field of pursuit, irrespective of his/her organizational affiliations and nationality.

❖ PROCEDURE

- The Academic Council will invite nominations from its members any time during the year. Each proposal to the Academic Council for consideration of the conferment of the honorary degree should clearly state the contributions of the individual concerned to the pursuit of skills and achievements in that domain.
- Nominations may be made jointly by not less than five members of the Academic Council.
- Individual member of Academic Council can make a maximum of one nomination during a calendar year. Nomination should not be made in favour of a deceased person.
- The nomination proposal shall include a detailed resume and contributions of the individual concerned in the prescribed form.
- Nomination should be forwarded to the Academic Council duly endorsed by the Vice-Chancellor. The Vice-Chancellor reserves the right not to endorse the nomination without citing any reason thereof.

- Subsequent to the receipt of nominations duly endorsed by the Vice-Chancellor, the Academic Council will constitute a sub-committee to examine nominations and recommend suitable name(s) to Academic Council.
- After deliberation in the Academic Council and by a resolution passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting, Academic Council may forward proposals to Board of Management for the approval of conferment of honorary degrees.
- The Academic Council may, by a resolution passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting, may withdraw previous recommendation of the award of the honorary degree to the Board of Management.
- The Board of Management may, by a resolution passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting, approve conferment of honorary degrees subjected to consent of Chancellor.
- On approval of the Board of Management, Vice-Chancellor may be authorized to initiate further appropriate action such as obtaining consent of the Chancellor.
- Each conferment should be accompanied by a citation. The format of the citation has to be left flexible enough so that it could be in accordance with the nature of achievement and the personality concerned and the text of the citation should highlight the specific nature of the outstanding contributions in pursuit of knowledge and in the field of human endeavour for which the honour is conferred.
- Honorary degrees may be conferred during the course of a regular Convocation or at a special Convocation. The degree shall preferably be conferred in person.