

3 May 2016

TO: Members of the University Community

### **PROPOSALS FOR HONORARY DEGREES**

The Statute of the University of KwaZulu-Natal confers on the University the authority to award honorary degrees. Anyone in the University community, including members of Convocation, can make a nomination. A candidate's record should be of such a nature that the award of a degree would bring credit to the University, and would not be at variance with the University's vision, mission and values. Recommendations for the award of honorary degrees are made by the Honorary Degrees Committee to Senate.

**Proposals for the conferring of honorary degrees at the 2017 round of graduation ceremonies which comply with the guidelines set out below, are hereby invited. Although all nominations are welcome, nominators are requested to give particular consideration to female and South African candidates who they feel are deserving of such an award.**

In order to nominate a candidate, the following documents must be submitted, under confidential cover, to the Registrar:

1. A fully completed nomination form (attached). This form must be fully and correctly completed and **sections 4, 5 and 6 are particularly important** as these are used by the committee during the screening process.
2. A substantial curriculum vitae which should include the following information:
  - (a) University education and qualifications, or other appropriate educational experience;
  - (b) If appropriate, an indication of employment experience;
  - (c) A comprehensive account of activities related to research and scholarship, OR a clear indication of the nominee's record of distinguished service and activities, in whatever field of endeavour it is proposed should be recognized.

Please note:

1. Self-nomination is not permitted. Nomination by Schools and Colleges of persons that the School or College wish to put forward as embodying the School/College vision, values and scholastic aspirations is particularly encouraged.
2. Current members of staff of the University and members of its Senate and Council, and those past members who were members in the calendar year of nomination, are not eligible to be considered for the award of an honorary degree.
3. In order to be considered for an award, nominees must not be deceased on the closing date for nominations for the award.
4. In order to be nominated the candidate does not require a first degree or to have a link with the University of KwaZulu-Natal.
5. Currently serving members of the cabinet (Ministers and Deputy-Ministers) and prominent party political figures are not eligible for nomination.
6. Persons who have previously been awarded an honorary degree by the University of KwaZulu-Natal or its ancestor institutions are not eligible for a subsequent nomination (a list of UKZN's Honorary Graduates is attached for ease of reference).
7. The University only confers honorary Doctoral degrees.

**N.B. THE CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF NOMINATIONS IS THURSDAY 30 JUNE 2016**






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Nominations may be forwarded to the Registrar by any one of the following methods:

- Hand delivered to: 8<sup>th</sup> Level, Library, Westville Campus
- Email to: [registrar@ukzn.ac.za](mailto:registrar@ukzn.ac.za)

***All information will be submitted to the Committee. As not all nominations may be successful, proposals must be kept confidential and the greatest discretion should be used especially if it becomes necessary to make enquiries about the candidate. No reference should be made to the possibility of an honorary degree being awarded in order to avoid potential embarrassment to the nominee, nominator and the University, should a particular nomination be unsuccessful.***

Yours sincerely

Mr Simon S Mokoena  
**Registrar**