Honorary Awards Policy

1. **STRATEGIC PLAN THEME AND COMPLIANCE OBLIGATION SUPPORTED**

   Strategic Plan Theme: Sustainable Future

2. **PURPOSE**

   To specify the Honorary Awards of the University, including their criteria and key aspects of the selection and presentation processes.

3. **POLICY STATEMENT**

   3.1. **Intent**

   3.1.1. Honorary Awards are awarded by the University for the purposes of:

   a) formally and publicly recognising the exceptional or distinguished contribution of an individual to the University, the broader society or a field of academic endeavor;

   b) enhancing the standing and reputation of the University; and

   c) expanding or building on existing relationships.

   3.1.2. Honorary Awards are prestigious honours, intended to recognise substantial achievements or contributions by individuals.

   3.1.3. Honorary Awards are approved by Council following a rigorous selection process, using specified criteria and the application of due diligence processes (including risk assessment processes) designed to protect both the recipient and the University.

   3.1.4. Renewals of the award of the titles ‘John Curtin Distinguished Professor’ and ‘John Curtin Distinguished Visiting Professor’ for consecutive period/s, are approved by the Vice-Chancellor following a recommendation by the Honorary Awards and Appointments Committee.

   3.1.5. To preserve their prestige, consistent with Curtin’s Values, an Honorary Award will only be made to persons of appropriate standing. There is no expectation or requirement on Council or the Vice-Chancellor (as appropriate) to make an award in any category in any year.

   3.1.6. To protect the integrity of the awards and the reputation of the University, Council may, at its sole discretion, revoke an Honorary Award if in its view a recipient’s continued association with the University would bring the University into disrepute.

   3.1.7. Nominations will at all stages be treated confidentially. A nominee will not be advised of or consulted about their nomination at any stage.

3.2. **Honorary Awards**

   3.2.1. Honorary Awards that may be conferred by Council are:

   a) Honorary Doctorates, specifically the:

   i) Honorary Doctor of the University (HonDUniv(Curtin));

   ii) Honorary Doctor of Arts (HonDArts(Curtin));

   iii) Honorary Doctor of Commerce (HonDComm(Curtin))

   iv) Honorary Doctor of Engineering (HonDEng(Curtin));

   v) Honorary Doctor of Laws (HonDLaws(Curtin));

   vi) Honorary Doctor of Letters (HonDLitt(Curtin));

   vii) Honorary Doctor of Medicine (HonDMed(Curtin));

   viii) Honorary Doctor of Science (HonDSc(Curtin));

   b) Curtin University Fellow (CF);

   c) The title ‘Emeritus Professor’;
d) The title ‘John Curtin Distinguished Emeritus Professor’;

e) The title ‘John Curtin Distinguished Professor’; and

f) The title ‘John Curtin Distinguished Visiting Professor’.

3.3. Eligibility for Honorary Doctorates

3.3.1. Each of the Honorary Doctorates has a different focus, but all are of equal status.

3.3.2. An Honorary Doctorate will not normally be awarded to a person who is a serving member of Council, a current member of the University staff, or a serving Federal, State or local government politician (or the international equivalent).

3.3.3. The criteria for the award of Honorary Doctor of the University are:

a) exceptional service to the University, usually over a sustained period of time; and

b) exceptional record of service to professional and/or public life.

3.3.4. The criteria for the award of Honorary Doctor of Arts are:

a) distinguished contribution to an academic discipline or field of endeavor relating to the creative arts; and

b) exceptional record of service to professional and/or public life.

3.3.5. The criteria for the award of Honorary Doctor of Commerce are:

a) distinguished contribution to an academic discipline or field of endeavor relating to commerce and business; and

b) exceptional record of service to professional and/or public life.

3.3.6. The criteria for the award of Honorary Doctor of Engineering are:

a) distinguished contribution to an academic discipline or field of endeavor relating to engineering; and

b) exceptional record of service to professional and/or public life.

3.3.7. The criteria for the award of Honorary Doctor of Laws are:

a) distinguished contribution to an academic discipline or field of endeavor relating to law; and

b) exceptional record of service to professional and/or public life.

3.3.8. The criteria for the award of Honorary Doctor of Letters are:

a) distinguished contribution to an academic discipline or field of endeavor relating to the humanities and social sciences; and

b) exceptional record of service to professional and/or public life.

3.3.9. The criteria for the award of Honorary Doctor of Medicine are:

a) distinguished contribution to an academic discipline or field of endeavor relating to medicine; and

b) exceptional record of service to professional and/or public life.

3.3.10. The criteria for the award of Honorary Doctor of Science are:

a) distinguished contribution to an academic discipline or field of endeavor, relating to, the physical sciences or health sciences; and

b) exceptional record of service to professional and/or public life.

3.4. Eligibility for Curtin University Fellow

3.4.1. The criteria for the award of Curtin University Fellow are that the nominee:

a) has served as an exemplar to the staff and students of the University through their initiative and leadership or distinction in any field of endeavour related to the University; or

b) has influenced the character of the University through their interest in the University and by virtue of their professional standing within the community.
3.5. Eligibility for the title ‘Emeritus Professor’

3.5.1. The criteria for the award of the title ‘Emeritus Professor’ are that the nominee:
   a) is normally within six months of retirement from academia or has retired from Curtin University for no more than six months; and
   b) held the title of Professor at Curtin University at the time of their retirement; and
   c) has demonstrated distinguished service and commitment to the University over a period of normally five years of continuous service prior to retirement.

3.6. Eligibility for the title ‘John Curtin Distinguished Emeritus Professor’

3.6.1. The criteria for the award of the title ‘John Curtin Distinguished Emeritus Professor’ are that the nominee:
   a) is normally within six months of retirement from academia or has retired from Curtin University for no more than six months; and
   b) held the title of ‘John Curtin Distinguished Professor’ at the University at the time of their retirement; and
   c) has demonstrated distinguished service and commitment to the University over a period of normally five years of continuous service prior to retirement.

3.7. Eligibility for the title ‘John Curtin Distinguished Professor’

3.7.1. The criteria for the award of the title ‘John Curtin Distinguished Professor’ are that the nominee:
   a) is a member of staff of the University who holds the title of Professor; and
   b) has the demonstrated capacity to provide a significant and sustained contribution to the University, as evidenced by:
      i) distinguished national or international academic reputation; and
      ii) exceptional teaching and/or research skills; or exceptional scholarly, creative and artistic achievements; and
      iii) distinguished record of service to professional and/or public life.

3.8. Eligibility for the title ‘John Curtin Distinguished Visiting Professor’

3.8.1. The criteria for award of the title ‘John Curtin Distinguished Visiting Professor’ are that the nominee:
   a) is a Visiting Professor of the University; and
   b) has the demonstrated capacity to provide a significant and sustained contribution to the University, as evidenced by:
      i) distinguished national or international academic reputation; and
      ii) exceptional teaching and/or research skills; or exceptional scholarly, creative and artistic achievements; and
      iii) distinguished record of service to professional and/or public life.

4. RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND COMPLIANCE MONITORING

These management positions are responsible for implementation and compliance monitoring of the policy in their work areas:

- Provost
- Council Secretary

5. SCOPE OF POLICY

This policy applies to all members of the University community (which includes Council members, students, staff, University Associates, Curtin controlled entities, and all persons participating in University business or activities, including whether as a visitor, adjunct appointee, service provider, or contractor).
6. DEFINITIONS
(Note: Commonly defined terms are located in the Curtin Common Definitions. Any defined terms below are specific to this document)

Nil

7. SUPPORTING PROCEDURES

Honorary Doctorate Procedures
Curtin University Fellow Procedures
Award of the Titles of Emeritus Professor and John Curtin Distinguished Emeritus Professor Procedures
Award of the Titles of John Curtin Distinguished Professor and John Curtin Distinguished Visiting Professor Procedures

8. RELATED DOCUMENTS/LINKS

Appointment of Visiting or Adjunct Staff Procedures
Awards and Graduations Manual
Curtin University Act (1966) (Section 18, (1) (b))

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