

IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON

ORDINANCE B2

**PROCEDURES FOR THE CONFERMENT OF HONORARY DEGREES OF THE COLLEGE AND
OTHER HONORARY AWARDS**

HONORARY AWARDS

1. The Council may confer any degree of the College on any person *honoris causa* (hereinafter referred to as 'honorary degrees').⁽¹⁾ The Council may also award the Imperial College Medal to such persons or organisations who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered exceptional service to the College.

2. Although Imperial College welcomes the support provided to the College by philanthropic donations, it does not and will not confer honorary degrees of Imperial College in return for such donations. For this reason, a person who has made a philanthropic donation to the College may only be considered for the award of an honorary degree if they satisfy the stringent criteria for these awards set out below.

CONFERMENT OF DEGREES *HONORIS CAUSA*

3. An honorary degree may be conferred on persons of conspicuous merit, who have achieved the highest national or international prominence in fields which are highly valued by the College.

4. An honorary degree shall not, save in exceptional circumstances, be conferred *in absentia*.

5. An honorary degree shall not be conferred posthumously. However, where the Council has formally resolved to confer an honorary degree on a person, and the death of that person occurs before the conferment takes place, the honorary degree shall be deemed to have been conferred, the date of the conferment being deemed to be the day preceding the date of death.

6. An honorary degree conferred by the College shall be cited in the following form:

Title of degree (Imperial College London) *honoris causa*, e.g. DSc (Imperial College London) *honoris causa*.

7. The Council shall prescribe the form of the diploma for those upon whom an honorary degree has been conferred and shall determine the procedures for inviting and considering nominations and the arrangements for conferring the degrees. It may also develop the criteria

for the conferment of honorary degrees more fully, if it sees fit.

8. The Higher Doctorates that may be awarded are as follows:

Doctor of Literature (DLit)
Doctor of Literature (Education) (DLit(Ed))
Doctor of Science (DSc)
Doctor of Science (Economics) (DSc(Econ))
Doctor of Science (Engineering) (DSc(Eng))
Doctor of Science (Medicine) (DSc(Med))

AWARD OF THE IMPERIAL COLLEGE MEDAL

9. The Imperial College Medal may be awarded to such persons or organisations, whether members of the College or not, as may be deemed eligible by reason of their having rendered exceptional or outstanding service to Imperial College or having otherwise acted over a period of time to enhance its reputation, mission and/ or objectives.

REVOCATION

10. The Council may revoke any degree, diploma, certificate or other award, qualification or distinction granted by the College and all privileges connected therewith, if it shall at any time be discovered and proved to the satisfaction of the Council that there was any irregularity in the events or circumstances leading to the grant of that degree, diploma, certificate, or other award, qualification or distinction and, in the case of degrees and other distinctions conferred *honoris causa*, for such reasons as shall satisfy the Council.

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1. See Ordinance B1, Paragraph 1 for the list of degrees.
