



Honorary Degrees and Fellowships Committee Terms of Reference 2025–26

The Honorary Degrees and Fellowships Committee is a committee of Council which makes recommendations to Senate and Council on the conferment of Fellowships, Honorary Degrees of Queen Mary University of London, and the Queen Mary Medal. More specifically, the Committee:

- [a] oversees the process for inviting recommendations on the election or removal of Fellows, the conferment or forfeiture of Honorary Degrees and the conferment of the Queen Mary Medal, including the issuing of guidance and eligibility criteria and reviewing due diligence on nominees.
- [b] In accordance with Ordinance 11,
 - i. makes recommendations to Senate and Council on the election or removal of Fellows;
 - ii. makes recommendations to Senate and Council on the conferral or forfeiture of Honorary Degrees;
 - iii. consults with Senate and makes recommendations to Council on the award of the Queen Mary Medal;
- [c] makes recommendations to Governance Committee and Senate as appropriate on the criteria for the election of Fellows, the conferral of Honorary Degrees and the Queen Mary Medal.

Membership of Honorary Degrees and Fellowships Committee

- The Chair (ex-officio) who will be the Chair of the Committee
- President and Principal (ex-officio)
- The Vice–Chair of Council (ex-officio)
- One external member of Council
- One Vice–Principal nominated by the President and Principal

Mode of Operation

1. A working group will review all nominations and put forward proposals to the Honorary Degrees and Fellowships Committee. The working group will comprise:
 - The Vice–Principal (Public Policy and Strategic Partnerships) (Chair)
 - The Director of Development and Alumni Engagement
 - The Assistant Director (Communications) of External Relations
 - One of the QMSU Executive Officers
 - The Faculty Deans of Global Engagement
 - The Head of the Principal’s Office

2. Nominations shall be passed by a majority of not less than three-quarters of the members of the Committee.

Honorary Degrees and Fellowships Committee meets once per year, and may convene additional meetings, including by circulation should matters requiring urgent recommendation to Senate and Council arise during the course of the year.