



DEAKIN HONORARY DEGREES

Deakin Honorary Degrees Program

In 2016 Deakin University introduced a new honorary degree program.

The program updates the University's honorary degrees by:

- replacing four traditional categories of honorary doctorates with a single *Deakin Honorary Doctorate* to honour individuals' inspiring or significant and sustained contributions to the community aligned to the University's objectives
- establishing an *Honorary Master of Innovation* to recognise individuals' initiatives in creating jobs for the future or advancing social justice.

The new honorary degrees are not associated with any specific academic discipline. Instead they include a citation summarising the recipient's achievements. Therefore Deakin honorary degrees:

- are very clearly distinguished from degrees earned by fulfilling academic requirements, including higher doctorates
- can continue to honour an individual's outstanding contribution to a specific field of knowledge but can also honour achievements in a range of fields beyond traditional disciplinary categories.

For all honorary degrees the citation explains the achievement being honoured.

Conferral

Where possible honorary degrees will be awarded at graduation ceremonies. All awardees receive:

- an invitation to attend a graduation or other ceremonial event
- a testamur and framed citation which is read at the conferral event
- academic dress for the conferral event
- an invitation to provide the occasional address at the conferral event as appropriate.

All awardees are listed on the University's Awards and Honours website and the citation for their award is published on the website.

Titles and postnominals

Honorary degrees do not form part of the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) and carry with them no formal qualification. Any certification documentation issued to a recipient will specify that the award is honorary.

Awardees are entitled to cite the award but the honorary status of the award should be clear, e.g. Awardee Name, Hon Doc (*Deakin*).

Honorary degrees should be listed after academic degrees, e.g. Awardee's Name, LLB, Hon Doc (*Deakin*).

For honorary doctorates an awardee's use of the title 'Dr' is restricted to engagement with Deakin University. All formal communication with honorary doctorate awardees will be addressed by the University using the honorary title 'Dr' (unless s/he has a higher academic title which will be used). However the title 'Dr' may not be used in the broader community because the award does not carry a formal qualification recognised outside the University.