

## **HONORARY DEGREE POLICY**

### **Nomination and Selection of Honorary Degree Candidates**

Nominations for honorary degrees shall be submitted to the Honorary Degree Committee on the attached form. Any member of the University community may nominate an individual for an honorary degree. Nominations for honorary degrees will be held confidential throughout the process. The Honorary Degree Committee will give due consideration to nominations received. The Honorary Degree Committee shall report its recommendations to the President.

Upon the recommendation of the Honorary Degree Committee and approval by the President, the Board of Trustees may vote to confer honorary degrees on distinguished individuals.

### **Honorary Degree Committee**

The Honorary Degree Committee shall be chaired by the Provost of the University and shall consist, in addition to the Provost, of six faculty members, one student representative and one staff representative appointed by the President.

### **Criteria**

In order to recommend an individual for an honorary degree, the Honorary Degree Committee must find that a nominated candidate meets the following criteria:

- Has made significant contributions to cultural, scientific, or social development. Contributions may be in scholarship, creative arts, research, learned professions, public service, public health or business and industry.
- Has a sustained reputation over time in national/international arenas.
- Has a significant likelihood of serving as an inspiration to the University's students, faculty members and staff.
- Has a reasonable likelihood of interacting with all or a segment of the University community either before or after receiving his or her honorary degree.

In reviewing nominations, the Honorary Degree Committee should seek individuals who are exceptionally worthy but have not already received universal recognition. To that end, the Honorary Degree Committee should exercise its review cognizant of the fact that honorary degrees are intended to reflect the mission and ideals of the University and represent the highest academic award bestowed by the University.

Special consideration should be given to recognizing the achievements of women and minorities, consonant with the equal opportunity goals of the University.

**Other considerations**

A member of the University's Board of Trustees may be awarded an honorary degree, provided the Trustee has served as a member of the Board for a significant period of time.

Only under extraordinary circumstances should an honorary degree be awarded to an active member of the University faculty, administration or staff.

## Honorary Degree Nomination Form

Nominations must be made confidentially, i.e., without informing the nominee.  
Please review [Nomination Criteria](#) before proceeding; then complete all sections below.

### About the Nominator

Name:

University affiliation (faculty, staff, student, alumnus/a, trustee):

Work Address:

E-mail:

Phone:

Best way to contact you if needed:

### About the Nominee

Name:

Professional Affiliation:

Address:

E-mail:

Phone:

Has the nominee had an affiliation with IIT? If so, please specify:

Rationale for nomination (50-100 words):

### Supporting materials (please fill out below or provide links to nominee's Website, CV, etc.)

Professional biography:

List of honors or awards received:

List of publications:

Other summaries describing accomplishments (e.g., volunteer or humanitarian activities; service on industrial/academic boards; other endeavors)

### Return Completed Form and Supporting Documents to:

Via Email: hardiman@iit.edu  
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