



**OPJS UNIVERSITY
ORDINANCES GOVERNING
THE AWARD OF
HONORIS CAUSA DOCTORATE**

Honorary Doctorates - Arts, Social Science, Education, Commerce, Management, Physical Education, Fine Arts, Science, Engineering, Medicine, Ayurveda, Home Science, Life Science and Technology, contribution in field of social work, film, entertainment, sports, literary work etc.

❖ Honorary Doctorate

The rank of honorary doctorate or doctor honoris causa is an honorific title granted by an exceptional procedure. Originally a university would confer the dignity of doctor honoris causa in order to distinguish a learned person whose knowledge and wisdom were considered exemplary, but also, in return, to pride itself for having recognized and "recruited" among its faculty such an outstanding person. Formerly universities have given some more picturesque titles than doctor honoris causa, like doctor or professor angelicus, eximius, mirabilis, subtilis, etc. The conferring of an honorary doctorate or doctor honoris causa still follows, sometimes, an old protocol.

Serving as a way to inspire students, OPJS University awards Honoris Causa Doctorate on a selective basis to distinguished individuals who is exceptionally recognized as per merit for their profound and enduring contributions in a field or activity, in accordance with the values of the University.

Nowadays the attribution of an honorary title such as doctor honoris causa can mean:



1. recognizing and distinguishing an outstanding person who contributed notably to his or her field of expertise, higher education or a specific institution
2. simultaneously honoring the recipient and the institution
3. rewarding or encouraging past or future donations

Most regulations insist on the moral qualities of the honorary doctorate recipient, like probity. Another significant criterion for the nomination of a doctor honoris causa is the recognition by his peers. Doctor honoris causa can be seen in all the fields of knowledge, such as arts and fine arts, science and technology, education, sport, music, entertainment, public service, humanitarian pursuits, leadership, and civil right etc.

Our Honorary Doctorate Degrees are awarded to leaders of national and international eminence in their areas of endeavour, recognizing their substantial achievement and contributions in the arts and fine arts, science and technology, education, sport, music, entertainment, public service, humanitarian pursuits, leadership, and civil right. Through its choice of Honorary Degree recipients, OPJS University makes a public declaration of its own values, while honoring an individual's exemplary accomplishments that serve a greater good.

Honorary distinctions can be of varied levels, the most appreciated one being, of course, that of honorary doctor (doctor honoris causa), although the one of outstanding professor (professor emeritus) is not looked down upon by teachers whose own university would not dare to grant them an honorary doctorate, at least as long as they are active.



In agreement with the rules of the OPJS University concedes an honorary doctorate (doctor honoris causa) according to two essential criteria:

1. the personal merit of the nominee
2. the recognition by his peers

The rank of doctor is recognized in the same way whether it has been obtained on a purely honorary basis or otherwise: it is designated by simply writing Dr. before the name.

❖ **Eligibility**

Honorary doctorates will be awarded to those well recognized persons for distinguished and visionary leadership and achievements consistent with OPJS's core values, mission, and goals. They will exemplify the highest personal and professional standards that serve as an inspiration and model for students, faculty, staff, and our communities. They may be eminent researchers, scholars, professionals, creative artists, performers, athletes, or persons renowned for exemplary public service regionally, nationally, or globally. It will be evident that their contributions have enriched society and the quality of life.

Although not all areas of achievement can be recognized in any one year, over the course of several years the awards should reflect the diversity of OPJS's academic programs, research, and support services. The awards should also reflect the social and cultural diversity of our region.

1. Eminence in their areas of endeavour, recognizing their substantial achievement and contributions in the field of education.



2. Master degree with considerable achievement in their field.
3. Eminent researchers, scholars, professionals, creative artists, performers, athletes, or persons renowned for exemplary public service regionally, nationally, or internationally.
4. This will be evident that their contributions have enriched society and the quality of life.

❖ **Procedure**

The OPJS Honorary Degree Selection Committee reviews applications annually and makes recommendations to President. With the approval of President, Chairman and the Board of Management, the Patron confers the honorary doctorate at convocation. Normally, no more than one honorary doctorate will be awarded at each convocation ceremony. Recipients are expected to be present to receive the award, and are invited to give a brief address to the convocation. They will also be invited to return to OPJS University at a later date to give a longer address and meet with faculty, staff, and students. Awards will not normally be conferred posthumously.

❖ **Confidentiality and Communication**

All supporting materials will be treated in strictest confidence by the Honorary Degree Selection Committee, the President, the Chairman and the Board of Management. Only the Chair (normally the President) will speak on behalf of the Committee and communicate with award recipients.



❖ **Membership of the Honorary Degree Selection Committee**

- OPJS President or designated as Chairman
- OPJS Chairman nominee
- Two members of the Board of Management, appointed annually by the sponsoring body of the University
- Two members of Senior Administration, appointed annually by the President
- Five members appointed by President from, including at least two senior faculty members outside from the university.

The Executive Assistant to the President will serve as the Committee secretary.

❖ **Admission procedure**

Applications are welcomed at any time, but for consideration for award at the next convocation ceremonies, Applications must be submitted by December 15th of each year. Applications will be compiled by the Committee secretary.

The Committee will begin deliberations early in January. Recommendations will normally be submitted to Academic Council for approval in March. Nominations approved by President will be considered for approval by the Board of Management at the Board's next meeting.

❖ **Award of the Degree**

After successful completion of application and approved by Committee a notification will be issued and Honorary degree will be awarded. There are three procedures to be awarded in the



personal Convocation.

a. The personal Convocation committee consists of:

1. President
2. Pro –President
3. Chairman Nominee

4. Registrar / controller of Examination

b. Degree awarded in University convocation

c. Convocation held at London parliament

board

❖ Fees procedure to Award the Honorary degree:

S. No.	Particular	Amount
1.	Application form with academic bio data	100000
2.	Biopic and work report	100000
3.	Convocation Charges	
	A. Degree in personal convocation	Nil
	B. Degree in University convocation	100000
	C. Degree convocation in parliamentary board of London	300000