

Appendix E: Granting of a Doctorate Honoris Causa

1. About the doctorate honoris causa

A doctorate honoris causa (PhD h.c.) can be granted by Jacobs University Bremen to persons who have rendered outstanding services to the arts and sciences through

- exceptional merits in scientific research and the arts, or
- linking the realm of arts and sciences with practice.

The doctorate h. c. is awarded in a certain academic discipline. The policy for granting such a honorary doctorate is outlined in the following.

2. Nomination procedures

2.1 Proposal:

Any member of the Jacobs University community – including students, faculty, academic staff as well as the Deans and the President – can propose a candidate for the doctorate h. c.. As a rule, the proposal shall be addressed to the Academic Unit, closest to the nominee's academic field. Nominations must include the candidate's CV and a laudatio detailing how the candidate qualifies under the above-listed criteria and how the granting of a doctorate h. c. lies in the interest of Jacobs University. Such a proposal needs to be brought to and discussed in the Faculty Assembly of the respective Academic Unit. The majority of the respective faculty needs to support the proposal before it is submitted to the respective Elected Dean.

2.2 Dean:

The respective Dean assumes leadership in handling the proposal. If the proposed candidate potentially qualifies for receiving a doctorate h. c., the Dean must convene a Honorary Dissertation Committee in coordination with the Faculty in whose academic field the candidate has achieved merit. Ex officio the Dean is member and chairperson of the Honorary Dissertation Committee. At least one member of an Academic Unit other than the proposing Academic Unit's School must be included.

2.3 Honorary Dissertation Committee:

It is the task of the Honorary Dissertation Committee to assess the nomination thoroughly and to then make a recommendation on whether to grant a doctorate h. c.. For this purpose, as a rule the Committee considers at least two but not more than three external reviews on the achievements of the candidate. The Dean, as Chair of the Committee, solicits such external reviews.

2.4 Deans & Faculty Assembly:

If the Honorary Dissertation Committee decides to grant the honorary doctorate, it shall present a written recommendation (1) to the Deans, and (2) to the Jacobs Faculty Assembly (via the Faculty Council). In case, both support the proposal with a three-fourths majority, it is submitted to the President for final approval. In case the Deans and/or the Faculty Assembly do not support the awarding of a Honorary Doctorate, they need to inform the President about their respective doubts, in writing.

2.5 The President:

The President must respond to the proposal in the course of two weeks. In case she/he seconds the decision, he/she informs the University about the decision and informs the candidate about the Honorary Degree.

3. Award

The doctorate h. c. (PhD h.c.) is granted in form of an official certificate, which honors the candidate's merits. The Registrar's Office will issue the certificate, which must be signed by the respective Dean as well as the University

President and must show the University seal. As a rule, the Honorary Doctorate must be awarded in a special Award Ceremony.