



MEMORANDUM

CALIFORNIA
STATE
UNIVERSITY,
FRESNO

Date: November 2, 2015

To: Campus Community and
Friends of the University

From: Paula Castadio *PC*
Vice President for University Advancement

Subject: Call for Recommendations for 2016
Honorary Doctorate Degrees

This memorandum is to serve as the annual call for campus recommendations for the award of honorary doctoral degrees by the Board of Trustees of the California State University.

The following categories of honorary degrees shall be recognized for conferral by the Board of Trustees:

- Doctor of Fine Arts
- Doctor of Humane Letters
- Doctor of Laws
- Doctor of Letters
- Doctor of Sciences

The criteria and purposes as established by the CSU are as follows:

Purposes for Which Honorary Degrees May be Conferred

1. To recognize excellence and extraordinary achievement in significant areas of human endeavor, which are embodied in the objectives and ideals of the California State University.
2. To honor meritorious and outstanding service to the California State University, collectively, or to its campuses, individually; to the State of California; to the United States; or to humanity at large.

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3. To recognize men and women whose lives and significant achievements should serve as examples of the California State University's aspirations for its diverse student body.

Criteria for the Awarding of Honorary Degrees

1. Honorary degrees may be awarded to recognized achievements in all parts of the world. Honorary degrees awarded should represent an appropriate balance between local and non-local, and academic and non-academic recipients, and should represent a wide diversity of fields of endeavor.
2. Nominees for honorary degrees must be distinguished in their respective fields, and the eminence of persons nominated must be widely recognized. Nominees must have demonstrated intellectual and humane values that are consistent with the aims of higher education, and with the highest ideals of the person's chosen fields.
3. Service or benefaction to the university do not in themselves justify the awarding of honorary degrees, however, nothing in these criteria shall preclude nominees who are benefactors of the California State University.

Procedures

In all steps of the procedures, utmost care is to be taken to ensure confidentiality.

1. Recommendations can be made by anyone.
2. Recommendations must be submitted in writing and be no more than one page in length. Additional endorsement letters for your nominee should not be solicited at this time.
3. **The deadline is November 16, 2015.** Please submit the recommendations to the Office of the Vice President for University Advancement, 5200 North Barton Avenue, M/S ML118, Fresno, CA 93740.
4. The Honorary Degree Committee, which includes the Provost, the Vice President for University Advancement, and the members of the Ad Hoc Awards Committee selected by the Academic Senate, will review and choose the top one to three candidates for further review.

5. For those candidates who are selected, further documentation may be needed, including a current curriculum vitae or comparably complete biographical information.
6. The committee will make recommendations to the President. The President shall select no more than two nominations to be forwarded to the Chancellor in any given academic year.
7. The final selection will be made by the CSU Board of Trustees.

I would like to encourage the recommendation of those individuals who meet the above criteria and who would bring recognition to themselves and to our campus. The degree will be awarded at Commencement in May if a candidate is selected.

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