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Nominations are now being sought for the award of Honorary Degrees, The University Medal of Honour and for National Honours bestowed either in the Queen's New Year or Birthday Honours List.

Nominations for individuals in under-represented groups (i.e. women and ethnic minorities) will be particularly welcome.

1. Honorary Degree Nominations

Honorary Degrees are intended for those whose distinction and achievements are outstanding and command international or national recognition. Nominees will be expected to have made an exceptionally distinguished and meritorious contribution to their chosen field and/or have made an outstanding and exemplary contribution to public life. Consideration will also be given to the extent to which a nominee:

- serves as an example of ambition and achievement;
- reflects the honour we are giving in the honour we receive;
- embodies the aims, values and mission of the University.

A connection with the University, the city of Manchester or the North West region is desirable but is by no means essential.

Typical categories under which successful nominations have fallen to date are:

- outstanding contribution to education (e.g. in research, teaching, administration, philanthropy, etc.);
- outstanding contribution to business/industry/law
- outstanding contribution to public life (e.g. the arts, sport, etc.)
- outstanding record of voluntary service/community action and engagement

While this list is unlikely to be exhaustive, it may be useful in helping to generate names.

The University will not normally honour serving politicians, current or former members of staff or current members of the Board of Governors.

All nominations should be accompanied by a supporting statement and a comprehensive biography which should include: details of the individual's career to date; what is distinctive about it, an indication of his or her standing in relation to his/her peers nationally and internationally, and the reason why her or his particular achievements are seen to merit the award of an Honorary Degree from The University of Manchester. If applicable, the nomination should include a copy of the individual's entry from 'Who's Who'.

2. The University Medal of Honour

The University Medal of Honour is the highest non-degree award bestowed by the University. The award is intended to honour individuals who have made an exceptional and sustained contribution to the work of the University and/or the city of Manchester and/or the North West region but for whom the award of an Honorary Degree would not be appropriate.

All nominations should be accompanied by a supporting statement, which sets out the nominee's contributions to the work and aims of the University, city or region and explaining why his or her particular achievements are seen to merit the award of a University Medal of Honour.

3. National Honours

The Awards and Honours Group oversees any nominations which are made for National Honours. Nominations should highlight how the potential recipient:

- has made a difference to their community or field of work;
- brought distinction to British life and enhanced its reputation;
- displayed moral courage and vision in making tough choices and hard applications;
- improved the life chances of those less able to help themselves.

All nominations should comprise a CV and a supporting statement which highlights the potential recipient's achievements both inside and outside of the workplace. You are also asked to supply the names of up to 5 individuals who could write letters of support to accompany the nomination, should it be chosen for submission. These individuals should be sufficiently senior and, wherever possible, should not work in this University.

If the name you put forward is considered appropriate you will be asked to work up the full nomination using the appropriate form supplied by the Cabinet Office or relevant professional association.

You are asked to note that the guidance issued on submissions for National Honours states that if a nomination is ultimately successful, success will not be immediate and will take at least 12 to 18 months. Your attention is also drawn to the fact that nominations should be made while the nominee is still active and, if possible, at least 12 months before he/she is expected to retire or stand down.

Confidentiality

It is imperative that all nominations in all of the above categories are made in the **strictest confidence**. **Nominees, members of their family or their colleagues must not be made aware that their names have been put forward.** Should the Awards and Honours Group, which considers the nominations, learn that a nominee has prior knowledge of a submission, the nomination will be rejected, however strong the case.

The deadline for the submission of nominations is Friday 1 February 2013.

A final short list for submission to Senate and the Board of Governors will be agreed by the Awards and Honours Group at its meeting in April.

The names of those to be awarded Honorary Degrees or University Medals of Honour will become public only if the offers have been accepted. You are asked to note that this can take some considerable time (up to 2 years).

Nominations, marked **Private and Confidential, should be submitted to:**

Ms Deborah Black
Secretary to the Awards and Honours Group
Office of the President and Vice-Chancellor
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John Owens Building
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All nominations will be acknowledged but unfortunately, because of the need to uphold strict confidentiality, it will not be possible to keep nominators informed of progress.

Any queries you might have on any of the above should be directed to Deborah at the contact details given above.

Finally, please find below the list of recipients of Honorary Degrees from The University of Manchester (post-merger).

HONORARY GRADUATES

Abed, Sir Fazle Hasan	LLD	2012 (Oct)
Askew, Mr. Norman	LLD	2010 (Oct)
Berners-Lee, Professor Sir Tim	DSc	2008 (Dec)
Birks, Mr Ronald (Lindsay Quartet)	MusD	2005 (April)
Blakemore, Professor Colin	DSc	2005 (May)
Bloxham, Mr Thomas	LittD	2007 (May)
Brindley, Dame Lynne	LittD	2011(Oct)
Brooks, Mr. Rory	LittD	2010 (Oct)
Charalambides, Mr. Charalambos C	MSc	2005 (April)
Choudhury, Professor Jamilur Reza	EngD	2010 (Oct)
Craven, Sir Philip	DUniv	2012 (Oct)
Cropper, Mr. Peter (Lindsay Quartet)	MusD	2005 (April)
Davies, Mr Edwin	DSocSc	2008 (Dec)
Davies, Sir Peter Maxwell	MusD	2011 (Oct)
Ferguson, Sir Alex	LLD	2011 (Oct)
Geim, Professor Andre	DSc	2011 (Jul)
Gilbert, Professor Alan (posthumously)	LittD	2010 (Oct)
Gregor-Smith, Mr. Bernard (Lindsay Quartet)	MusD	2005 (April)
Gregson, Professor Edward	MusD	2008 (Dec)
Goodfellow, Professor Julia	DSc	2009(Oct)
Herz, Mr Robert	DSocSc	2007 (May)
Higgins, Professor Dame Julia	DSc	2008 (Oct)
Hildbenbrand, Professor W	DSocSc	2007 (May)
Hucknall, Mr Michael	MusD	2012 (Oct)
Ireland, Mr Robin (Lindsay Quartet)	MusD	2005 (April)
Keegan, Miss Mary	LittD	2006 (April)
Khan, Ms Irene	LLD	2007 (Oct)
Kohn, Dr Ralph	MusD	2009 (Oct)
Kroto, Professor Sir Harry	DSc	2005 (May)
Kumar, Mr. Harpal	DSc	2011 (Oct)
Lovell, Professor Sir Bernard	DSc	2008 (Dec)
McKillop, Sir Tom	DSc	2005 (May)
Markham, Professor Alex	DMedSc	2007 (May)
Novoselov, Professor Konstantin	DSc	2011 (July)
Nurse, Sir Paul	DSc	2005 (July)
Oglesby, Mr. Michael	LLD	2006 (May)
Ollerenshaw, Dame Kathleen	DSc	2012 (Oct)
Peto, Professor Julian	DSc	2005 (Nov)
Putnam, Professor Robert	DSocSc	2007 (Oct)
Sainsbury, Lord David	DSc	2009 (Oct)
Schelling, Professor Thomas	DSocSc	2010 (Oct)
Stiglitz, Professor Joseph	DSocSc	2008 (Oct)
Sulston, Professor Sir John	DSc	2009 (Oct)
Syal, Ms Meera	LittD	2006 (May)
Timpson, Mr John	EntD	2012 (Oct)
Witty, Mr Andrew	DSocSc	2011 (Oct)

Professor Peter Higgs was unable to attend the 2012 Foundation Day Honorary Degree Ceremony where a Doctor of Science *honoris causa* was to be conferred upon him. We are currently liaising with Professor Higgs to identify an alternative occasion on which the honorary doctorate can be conferred.