

Facilities and Privileges Available to Recipients of Honorary Awards



The University of Waikato values its connections within the growing community of people who have been recognised through its honorary awards. These connections are of lasting importance.

In order to maintain its links with recipients of honorary awards, the University makes available a range of facilities and privileges as follows:

Honorary Doctorate

Honorary Doctorate recipients will be invited to an appropriate event where the degree will be conferred. They will be provided with the regalia of Honorary Doctor to be worn at the event and any other event of this nature where they are a representative of the University. They will also be presented with a framed degree, a copy of the citation read at the event and a University of Waikato lapel pin.

Appropriate announcements will be made through the University's media channels prior to and after the event and recipients will be added to the list of Honorary Doctors published in the [University of Waikato Calendar](#).

Honorary Doctors may be invited to and accorded special guest status at certain official University functions, including graduation ceremonies.

In conferring an Honorary Doctorate, the University grants the recipient the right to:

- use the appropriate abbreviation for the degree after their name (i.e. HonD), and/or
- preface their name with 'Dr'.

only in relation to their association with the University of Waikato.

The award of an Honorary Doctorate is not associated with any particular area of academic expertise. Therefore, recipients should not claim or imply any such expertise in direct relation to the award (although they may have other qualifications or credentials that attest to their expertise in a particular discipline).

The University will use the honorific 'Dr' in all official correspondence with the recipient and in all official documentation and formal records of proceedings, in accordance with the approved style and conventions for such documents.

University of Waikato Medal

University of Waikato Medal recipients will be invited to an appropriate event where they will be presented with the medal, a framed certificate, a copy of the citation read at the event and a University of Waikato lapel pin.

Appropriate announcements will be made through the University's media channels prior to and after the event and recipients will be added to the list of University of Waikato Medal recipients published in the [University of Waikato Calendar](#).

University of Waikato Medal recipients may be invited to and accorded special guest status at certain official University functions, including graduation ceremonies.

Distinguished Alumni Award

Distinguished Alumni Award recipients will be invited to an appropriate event where they will be presented with the award, a framed certificate, a copy of the citation read at the event and a University of Waikato lapel pin.

Appropriate announcements will also be made through the University's media channels prior to and after the event and recipients will be added to the list of Distinguished Alumni Award recipients published in the [University of Waikato Calendar](#) and on the [Distinguished Alumni Awards](#) website.

Distinguished Alumni Award recipients may be invited to and accorded special guest status at certain official University functions, including graduation ceremonies.

Emeritus Professorship

Emeritus Professorship award recipients may use the title from the date that they notify the University of their agreement to accept the award.

Emeritus Professors will be invited to an appropriate event where they will be presented with a framed certificate, a copy of the citation read at the event and a University of Waikato lapel pin. Each event typically involves the presentation of awards to several awardees and may be combined with awards to Honorary Fellows.

Appropriate announcements will be made through the University's media channels prior to and after the event and recipients will be added to the list of Emeritus Professors published in the [University of Waikato Calendar](#).

Emeritus Professors may be invited to and accorded special guest status at certain official University functions, including graduation ceremonies.

While the title does not involve any form of employment, payment or remuneration, some Emeritus Professors remain actively engaged in research and teaching activities at the University. The ongoing provision of access cards, office space, a University email address and other facilities in such cases will be dependent on the availability of resources within the relevant Division or equivalent and is subject to negotiation on a case by case with the relevant Pro Vice-Chancellor or delegated authority. Such provisions will be reviewed at least every three years.

Emeritus Professors who have retired as staff of the University are eligible for free parking in licence-to-hunt or general parking areas (but are not eligible for a reserved park) on application to the Secretary to the Honours Committee. Only one vehicle per person may be registered at any one time and the privilege is not transferable.

Honorary Fellowship

Honorary Fellowship award recipients may use the title from the date that they notify the University of their agreement to accept the award.

Honorary Fellows will be invited to an appropriate event where they will be presented with a framed certificate, a copy of the citation read at the event and a University of Waikato lapel pin. Each event typically involves the presentation of awards to several awardees and may be combined with awards to Emeritus Professors.

Appropriate announcements will be made through the University's media channels prior to and after the event and recipients will be added to the list of Honorary Fellows published in the [University of Waikato Calendar](#).

Honorary Fellows may be invited to and accorded special guest status at certain official University functions, including graduation ceremonies.

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General

Honorary Alumni

So that they can maintain their connections with the University into the future, all honorary award recipients automatically become lifetime honorary alumni. Honorary alumni receive a range of regular University communications and/or publications and are notified of University events and activities. They may receive VIP invitations to special functions from time to time. Award recipients can choose to opt out of communications or event invitations if they choose.

Membership of the University Library

Holders of honorary awards are entitled to Associate membership of the University Library, by request to the Secretary of the Honours Committee. As an Associate member they have access to the material and facilities set out at: <https://www.waikato.ac.nz/library/about/membership/associate>

Revocation of facilities and/or privileges and/or awards

University of Waikato honorary awards endure in perpetuity unless otherwise determined by Council. Council may revoke any awards and/or facilities and/or privileges in the case of serious criminal offence or fraud charges and/or convictions against an award recipient or if a recipient is engaged in activities which may bring or have brought disrepute to the University.

The University reserves the right to add, amend or remove the facilities and/or privileges set out in this document at its discretion.

University Liaison Person

Requests for information or assistance in relation to facilities and privileges available to recipients of honorary awards may be directed to the Secretary of the Honours Committee, Tracy Pilet at tracy.pilet@waikato.ac.nz.