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## **Guideline on the Appointment of Honorary Doctors**

The Faculty Council (reference number V-2019-01086) has approved this regulation. The regulation is valid from 1 January 2020 and was last modified on 16 September 2024 (reference number V-2024-0650). The University Management Office (ledningskansliet) is responsible for supervision and questions regarding the document.

### **1 Honorary Doctors of Technology at KTH**

Honorary doctorates are conferred upon honor individuals who have made important contributions and to promote the development of KTH. The criteria for such an appointment are set forth below.

#### *Indicative criteria for appointment*

1. Persons working outside Sweden who have promoted the activities of KTH (within KTH's area of activity) through significant cooperation.
2. Persons within the country and within KTH's area of activity who have undertaken their own extensive research efforts, professional efforts or other societal contributions.
3. Moreover, a clear affiliation with KTH is desirable.

#### *Indicative criteria for persons who are not eligible for appointment as an honorary doctor*

1. Honorary doctorates cannot be conferred posthumously.
2. As a rule, employees and/or Doctors of Technology at KTH are ineligible.
3. A person who has already been appointed as an Honorary Doctor of Technology by another Swedish higher education institution will normally be ineligible.
4. A person with a political or legal influence over KTH cannot become an honorary doctor.
5. A person who cannot or does not wish to attend the conferment ceremony in the same year as said person has been asked to do so cannot become an honorary doctor.

### **2 The Nomination of Candidates**

KTH employees may use special web forms to submit proposals based on the criteria for appointment set forth in Section 1. The nomination period usually comprises the first half of the autumn semester.

### **3 The Nomination Committee**

The Faculty Council designates a nomination committee, whose task is to propose who/which should be appointed as an honorary Doctor of Technology on the basis of nominations received. The committee is normally appointed at the August or September Council meeting.

The nomination committee is normally expected to present a preliminary proposition to the Faculty Council's meeting in November and present the final proposition to Council's meeting in December.

### **4 Decision on the Appointment of an Honorary Doctor**

Dean of Faculty decides to confer (an) honorary doctorate(s). The decision should be made at the beginning of the year.

### **5 Decision to appoint conferrer**

According to the delegation regulations at KTH (V-2022-0779), the Faculty Council decides to appoint conferrer. The decision should be made at the Faculty Council meeting in December.

If the appointed conferrer is unable to attend, the dean or vice-dean can act as supervisor in their place.