



Process to remove an Honorary Fellow of QMUL

<b>Outcome requested:</b>	Governance Committee is asked to <b>recommend approval</b> to Council of a revised Ordinance A17 relating to the process to remove an Honorary Fellow of QMUL.
<b>Executive Summary:</b>	<p>At the Honorary Degrees and Fellowships Committee meeting on 23 November 2020, the Committee asked for the criteria that would underpin the process to remove an Honorary Fellow of QMUL to be set out. The action was referred to the Honorary Degrees and Fellowships Working Group which drafted a revised Ordinance A17. The revised text provides examples of the kinds of behaviours that may trigger the process, without being prescriptive, and allows for discretion to be exercised based on individual circumstances.</p> <p>The revised text (highlighted in red) and the current Ordinance A17 are appended to this paper.</p> <p>Governance Committee is asked to <b>recommend approval</b> of the revised Ordinance A17 to Council.</p>
<b>QMUL Strategy: strategic aim reference and sub-strategies [e.g., SA1.1]</b>	Strategy 2030
<b>Internal/External regulatory/statutory reference points:</b>	QMUL Charter and Ordinances
<b>Strategic Risks:</b>	13. Improved reputation
<b>Equality Impact Assessment:</b>	N/A
<b>Subject to prior and onward consideration by:</b>	Honorary Degrees and Fellowships Working Group Council
<b>Confidential paper under FOIA/DPA</b>	No
<b>Timing:</b>	N/A
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Jonathan Morgan, Chief Governance Officer and University  
Secretary

## Ordinance A17: Fellows of QMUL

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2. A Fellowship may not be conferred on a person currently employed by QMUL or member of Council.
3. All Fellowships will normally be conferred by the Chairman of Council. In the absence of the Chairman of Council, Fellowships will be conferred by the Vice-Chairman of Council.
4. A proposal to confer a Fellowship will be made by the Honorary Degrees and Fellowships Committee. The proposal will be considered by the Senate and approved by the Council.
5. The revocation of a Fellowship will be recommended by the Honorary Degrees and Fellowships Committee, considered by the Senate and approved by the Council in cases where **evidence, not available at the time of the award, may show that** the Fellow's behaviour are deemed to be inconsistent with QMUL values or to bring QMUL into disrepute. **Examples include if an individual has been found guilty by the courts of a criminal offence; has been censured or struck off by a relevant regulatory or professional body for actions or failure to act; or any other behaviour that is deemed to bring QMUL into disrepute. A decision can be based on events that pre-date the award, or conduct that occurs after the award is made.** Concerns shall be raised with the Chairman or the Secretary to Council and the Fellow will be invited to comment on the reasons for the proposed withdrawal of the Fellowship before a decision is taken.

2. From the 2014-15 academic year, all students joining degree programmes will be registered to receive an award of QMUL.
3. The Senate shall be responsible for the approval, monitoring and review of programmes leading to awards.
4. The Senate shall be responsible for the approval of regulations for awards and programmes.

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#### **Ordinance A18: Honorary Degrees**

1. QMUL may confer honorary degrees.
2. The honorary degrees that may be awarded are outlined in Ordinance A16 1.7
3. An honorary degree will not normally be conferred on a serving Chairman of the governing body of a College, or a person currently employed by QMUL.
4. An honorary degree will not normally be conferred on a 'serving politician', including:
  - 4.1 Ministers of the Crown;
  - 4.2 Members of the House of Commons;
  - 4.3 front bench members of the House of Lords;
  - 4.4 other leading active members of a political party; and
  - 4.5 persons in similar positions in other countries.