

AWARDING HONORARY DEGREES FROM
FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

1. Honorary Degrees will be limited to no more than one per commencement (Winter and Spring).
2. Timeline
 - a. During the Spring semester, the Vice President for University Advancement will forward to the campus community (faculty, staff, and student government) the criteria for honorary degree recipients. In this mailing, the Vice President for University Advancement will request the names, biographical data and rationale for the consideration of possible candidates for the degree.
 - b. Based on the biographical information and the criteria listed below, the Ad Hoc Committee on Honorary Degrees may, if it so desires, recommend candidates to the Executive Committee.
3. Review Committee

The Vice President for University Advancement will convene an ad hoc committee on honorary degrees to review nominations. The committee will be comprised of:

- 3 faculty members appointed by the Chair of the Faculty Senate
- 1 administrative staff member appointed by the Chair of the Staff Senate
- 1 student appointed by the President of the Student Government Association

4. Criteria for an honorary degree recipient

Approved by the Board of Regents, November 30, 1989, and amended July 13, 2001. It is expected that prospective recipients of honorary degrees shall be:

- a. individuals who have made exceptional contributions in intellectual, scholarly, or creative areas; or
 - b. individuals who have risen to a position of eminence in their chosen field or who have acquired a national or international reputation in a selected field or endeavor; or
 - c. individuals who have compiled a record of distinguished public service.
 - d. Normally, honorary degrees may not be conferred on currently serving faculty, staff, members of the Board of Regents, or current holders of political office in Maryland. Exceptions for compelling reasons can be made only by two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Regents.
5. Frostburg State University will cover the cost of transportation, housing and meals, and perhaps an honorarium to those receiving honorary degrees.
 6. The Vice President for University Advancement will establish a data base of possible candidates for honorary degrees.

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