

SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MINES AND TECHNOLOGY

Policy Manual

SUBJECT: Conferral of Honorary Doctorate Degrees

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Candidates for honorary doctorate degrees are recommended to the South Dakota Board of Regents (BOR) through a series of recommendations and approvals by the Faculty Senate, and university president. The eligibility of candidates and the types of honorary doctorate degrees are set forth in [BOR Policy 2.6.3](#).

1. The university may wish to present an honorary doctorate degree to worthy individuals.
2. To recommend someone for an honorary degree, a nomination packet consisting, at a minimum, of the following items shall be gathered by the Office of the President:
 - a. Letter of nomination (one page) from the originating nominator explaining the justification for candidate's nomination, and
 - b. Curriculum vitae of the candidate
3. This packet shall be submitted by the Office of the President to the Faculty Senate for review and approval.
4. If approved by the Faculty Senate, the nomination packet, with confirmation from the Chair of the Faculty Senate indicating approval, shall be forwarded to Board of Regents by the Office of the President for final approval.

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BOR Policy/Committee References: [Policy 2.6.3](#)