

Additional Guidelines and Suggestions for Honorary Degree Nomination Packets

The formal regulations for eligibility, policies, criteria, and procedures for selection of honorary degree recipients are found in Section 6.2 of the Faculty Handbook. In addition, the committee would like to make the following suggestions:

- Although anyone having had “a career of superlative intellectual and/or creative ability” is enough to receive strong consideration, the committee is especially attracted to candidates with ties to the State of Iowa.
- The committee would like to reemphasize the requirement that 1) nominations are to be submitted only by members of the Iowa State faculty, and 2) that when a nomination comes to the committee from a source other than the academic department closest to the discipline with which the nominee is associated, it must be reviewed by that department and jointly submitted by it with the other disciplinary group.
- The nomination should include a full curriculum vitae of the candidate, and should be constructed to show the candidate’s intellectual and creative abilities and accomplishments. As the committee is composed of members from many disciplines, a description by the nominator of the candidate’s precise strengths and contributions is preferable to inclusion of multiple sample publications.
- Letters to support the nomination should be submitted with the nomination. There should be a sufficient number of them clearly to illustrate the strengths of the candidate. It is preferable that some of the letters be from institutions and organizations other than the one with which the candidate currently is associated.