



REGULATIONS FOR THE AWARDING OF

**HONORARY DOCTORATE
BY THE UNIVERSIDAD POLITÉCNICA DE
MADRID (TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF
MADRID: UPM)**

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Preamble.

These Regulations covering the awarding of Honorary Doctorates by the Universidad Politécnica de Madrid find their justification in the implementation, on the one hand, of the Third Additional Provision of Royal Decree 1393/2007, of 29 October (BOE of 30 October 2007), regulating official university degrees, which provides that "In accordance with the provisions of their regulations, universities may appoint as Honorary Doctor those persons who, in view of their academic, scientific or personal merits, are worthy of such consideration"; and, on the other hand, in the application of the clarifications contained in articles 47 l), 52 p), 57 q) and 65 i) of the Statutes of the Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, approved by Decree 74/2010, of 21 October, of the Governing Council of the Community of Madrid, published in the Official Gazette of the Community of Madrid No. 273, of 15 November 2010.

The Universidad Politécnica de Madrid institutes the Honorary Doctorate to distinguish those who have excelled in research, teaching, technology and the arts, or who have rendered outstanding services to society in general and to the Universidad Politécnica de Madrid in particular.

These Regulations aim to regulate the conditions and procedure for the awarding of the Honorary Doctorate by the UPM.

Article 1. Honorary Doctorate Advisory Board

The Advisory Board shall have the task of analysing all proposals for the issuing of Honorary Doctorates received to date and producing a report on them.

The Board shall be composed of at least 5 members elected by the Consejo de Gobierno of the UPM at the proposal of the Rector. Those members shall be doctors and must have international recognition based on objective and verifiable merits in the academic, professional, research, creative and/or management fields.

The Board shall have a maximum term of office of two years from its constitution. Its members may only be members for one period, which may be extended for another period immediately thereafter.

Article 2. Proposals and evaluation

1. The ordinary channel for proposing candidates to the Consejo de Gobierno for distinction

as Honorary Doctor of the UPM shall be from its Schools, Faculties, Departments, Departmental Sections, University Research Institutes or R&D+i Centres. The proposal may also be made by the Rector of the University in exceptional cases of special relevance, for example justified by the novelty of certain lines to be opened at the UPM or by the cross-cutting nature of the candidate's activity in such a way that his/her application does not fit the ordinary channels.

2. The nomination must be accompanied by a report justifying the appropriateness and desirability of the appointment, as well as the curriculum vitae of the proposed candidate in free format.
3. The proposal of the Departments and Departmental Sections, University Research Institutes or R&D+i Centres will be formulated through their Head, submitting it to their corresponding Council. If approved, the proposal will be sent to the Board of the School or Faculty to which the proposing Head is attached. Once received by the School or Faculty Board, the nominations shall be subject to the same procedure as the nominations from the School or Faculty Board, without any distinction.
4. The nomination from the School or Faculty shall be formulated through its Head or Dean and submitted to its Board.
5. The Board of the School or Faculty shall analyse the proposal, requiring approval by the that governing body, which shall then forward it to the Vice-Rector's Office with responsibility for Doctoral Studies, which shall send it to the Advisory Board.
 - a) Each School/Faculty Board may make only one nomination in each calendar year.
 - b) School or Faculty Boards that do not make a nomination in a given year may support a nomination made in that calendar year by another School or Faculty Board, but those that do make a nomination may not do so.
 - c) When a proposal is approved for investiture, the proposing School or Faculty may not nominate another Honorary Doctor in the same or the following calendar year. Notwithstanding the above, unsuccessful candidates may be presented in the following calendar year, subject to a favourable report from the Board of the School or Faculty that made the proposal.
6. The Rector's nomination shall be sent directly to the Vice-Rector's Office with responsibility for Doctoral Studies, which shall forward it to the Advisory Board.
7. All proposals for the call of a calendar year shall reach the Advisory Board by 30 June of that year.
8. The Advisory Board shall issue its recommendation prioritising the candidates by 30 September of the following year. If it deems it appropriate, the Advisory Board may seek the necessary external reports on the proposed candidates.

9. The Advisory Board shall use as preferential criteria to agree on the appointment and subsequent investiture of the proposed candidates the utmost excellence of their academic, scientific, artistic and/or professional career, demonstrated by their undisputed prestige in the university community, or by their relevance and exemplary role in cultural or economic life or in society.
10. The Consejo de Gobierno shall analyse the report submitted by the Advisory Board and shall approve, if appropriate, the nominations for the award of the title of Honorary Doctor by the Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, up to a maximum of three per calendar year, plus an additional one if proposed by the Rector.

Article 3. Investiture

Once the degree of Honorary Doctor has been awarded, the collegiate body that initiated the nomination shall appoint the Honorary Doctor's Sponsor from among the University's professors or researchers, who shall be in charge of the *laudatio*.

The Rector, in accordance with the provisions of Article 65 i) of the UPM Statutes, shall appoint the designated person as Honorary Doctor and shall proceed to his or her investiture in a formal academic ceremony.

The Vice-Rectorate for Institutional Relations shall coordinate all the procedures for the investiture of the new Honorary Doctor.

Article 4. Registration

The Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, through its General Secretariat, shall keep a register of honorary mentions in which Honorary Doctorates shall be recorded, in a separate section.

Final Provision

These Regulations shall enter into force on the day following their publication in the Official Gazette of the Universidad Politécnica de Madrid.