



HONORARY DEGREE AWARD

UniSey invites nominations for potential recipients from the community.

1. What is an honorary degree?

Normally, a degree is awarded to an individual to mark the successful completion of a programme of academic study at the University. In contrast, an honorary degree is where the University exercises its discretion to recognise those who have made profound and enduring contributions to scholarship and/or enterprise and/or culture, and who have in one way or another improved the quality of life in our nation. Achievements of national or international significance deserve priority consideration.

It is important that recipients be persons of great integrity, as the choices the university makes will reflect its values, as an institution. Recipients should serve as an example of ambition and achievement to the University's students and graduates, as well as to the wider population.

Awards will be presented at the University's annual Graduation Ceremony, and this year, it will be on the 5th December 2024.

2. How can nominations be made?

- Initial nominations may be made by any Seychellois citizen.
- No person may nominate more than one potential recipient in any calendar year.
- There is no common format for such nominations, although the proposer should give a brief summary of the individual's accomplishments and reasons for the individual to be considered for an honorary award from the University of Seychelles. The initial nomination should:
 - be signed by the proposer(s);
 - describe the individual's accomplishments, including contributions to society, culture, scholarship, science, or art; education, youth development, business and public service;
 - be a brief biography of the person (maximum 800 words)
 - include additional documents supporting the nomination.

3. Criteria for the Award of Honorary Degrees

The criteria used for honorary award should be a national figure:

- who has made a significant contribution to the development of research, education, the arts, culture and sciences;
- who has made a significant contribution to public service;
- who has made a significant contribution to business development;
- who has served as a role model for young people;
- with notable service to the community at large.

There are some necessary restrictions to be considered:

- no award shall ever be conferred in consideration of the payment of money or the giving of property of whatsoever kind;
- declared candidates running for an elected public office are not appropriate nominees for honorary awards
- honorary awards may not be conferred in absentia or posthumously.
- active or newly retired members of staff (within a 2-year period), members of Council and active politicians currently in office should not be considered for honorary awards.

4. How will recipients of an honorary degree be selected?

The Honorary Awards Committee, a sub-committee of Council, will screen nominations, with supporting rationale and come to consensus on a maximum of two nominees for an honorary award. Should consensus not be reached the decision can be reached through a vote. Only the Council is authorized to confer honorary awards. Only after endorsement by the Council should the nominee be informed; this will be coordinated by the Registrar's Office.

Individual nominations and discussions of nominees will remain confidential throughout the process. No publicity shall be issued regarding the nominees until final approval by the Council.

Nominations may be made by letter and in confidence to:

**Dr. Indra Persaud
Registrar
University of Seychelles
PO Box 1348
Anse Royale
Mahé**

Nominations should be received by the Registrar, **not later than 13th August 2024.**