



POLICY

Policy Name	HONORARY APPLIED DEGREE			<i>Revised</i>
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1. POLICY STATEMENT

Honorary applied degrees are awarded to recognize individuals who have demonstrated outstanding achievements and significant contributions to education, Medicine Hat College (MHC) or society.

2. SCOPE

This policy applies to all honorary applied degree nominations.

3. PRINCIPLES

- 3.1. An honorary applied degree is one of higher education's most significant accolades and is intended to celebrate individuals whose achievements have had significant impact in their areas of expertise.
- 3.2. MHC is committed to a fair and open nomination process with a requirement that nominations are supported by evidence of broad support.

4. DIRECTIVES

- 4.1. Honorary applied degrees are generally awarded for one of the following reasons:
 - (a) to recognize extraordinary intellectual or artistic achievement,
 - (b) to honour service to the college and to the wider community municipally, provincially, nationally, or internationally, and
 - (c) to honour both the grantee and the spirit of the institution.
- 4.2. Honorary degrees are awarded through a rigorous selection process by the Honorary Applied Degree Awards Committee, General Academic Council, and the MHC Board of Governors (the Board).
- 4.3. Vice-President, Academic and Provost is responsible for overseeing the administration of the honorary applied degree.
- 4.4. The Board may, on the recommendation of the President and CEO, revoke the Honorary Applied Degree of a recipient whose conduct is deemed to create a significant risk to the reputation of the college. Revocation requires the support of two-thirds of board members.

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President and CEO

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Additional Information	Location
Alberta Post-Secondary Learning Act	open.alberta.ca
PR-GA-06-01 Honorary Applied Degree Procedure	MHC Website and Policy SharePoint