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INSTITIÚID TEICNEOLAÍOCHTA NA GAILLIMHE-MAIGH EO
GALWAY-MAYO INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Honorary Fellowships

Protocol

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Purpose of the Award of Honorary Fellowship

An Honorary Fellowship is a highly prestigious award which the Institute can bestow on distinguished individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to their chosen field, and / or the region.

A person upon whom the Honorary Fellowship has been conferred shall be designated an Honorary Fellow of the Institute.

Nominations Procedure

- a) The President of the Institute may invite nominations for the award of the Honorary Fellowship of the Institute.
- b) A Sub-Committee of the Governing Body shall consider nominations of individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to their chosen field, and / or the region.
- c) The Standing Committee of Academic Council may be consulted by the President to consider academic nominations of individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to their chosen field and recommend awardees.
- d) A nomination for the award of an Honorary Fellowship of the Institute may be made by completing a nomination form and sending it to the Registrar's Office, together with any supporting information.
- e) The attached nomination form should be used and information should be restricted to what is in the public domain.
- f) The principal sponsor of the nomination may be a member of the Governing Body or a member of the Executive Board. There may/may not be a second sponsor of the nomination.
- g) There is no requirement on the Institute to award Honorary Fellowships on an annual basis.
- h) There should be a maximum of three Honorary Fellowships awarded annually except in special circumstances e.g. 40th / 50th Anniversary Year.
- i) The names of those recommended for the Honorary Fellowship of the Institute are confidential until the willingness of the nominees to accept the Fellowship has been established by the Secretary of the Governing Body and the Fellowship has been approved by the Governing Body.
- j) Honorary Fellowships will be conferred on recipients at one of the annual conferring ceremonies. Recipients will become Fellows of the Institution.
- k) Honorary Fellowships are usually conferred indefinitely. However, the Institute reserves the right to withdraw an Honorary Fellowship should its retention potentially lead to reputational damage of the Institute. This decision is a matter for the Governing Body.