



# THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY OF PEACE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

HONORARY DOCTORAL / PROFESSORSHIP  
CRITERIA AND NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS





# Overview of the George Washington University of Peace LLC

The George Washington University of Peace LLC (Reg. No.: L19000253320), incorporated in Florida in 2019, is a privately funded, independent institution offering high-quality education and resources to students globally across various fields, including Business, Education, Psychology, Counseling, Engineering, Information Technology, Management, Marketing, Tourism, Natural Medicine, Health Sciences, Social Sciences, and more. Operating as an academic pool for higher degree students, GWUP collaborates with internationally accredited universities and institutions, providing virtual education, consultancy, and a range of academic services. While it is not yet authorized to issue its own degrees, it is working toward full recognition as a university in the U.S. within two years. The university's distinguished faculty includes experts from various fields, and its programs are designed for both mature students seeking career advancement and school leavers with the necessary qualifications. GWUP's academic offerings are recognized by relevant professional bodies and associations, ensuring quality education and research opportunities for its students.

## We Whole Heartedly Support:





# Foreword

Welcome to the George Washington University of Peace.

It is my pleasure as the Vice Chancellor to introduce you to this University.

The George Washington University of Peace (GWUP) is a leading teaching and research University registered in Florida USA. It is also the first University established in the country in 2019. The GWUP is dedicated to providing quality education, research, and service to our region.

The road towards transforming a University in a developing country into one capable of delivering quality education within the context and expectations of modernization and globalization is a path full of extraordinary challenges, and unique rewards.

The objectives of The George Washington University of Peace are to develop 'Universal Knowledge'. Exploration of knowledge originates through proper education. We from The George Washington University of Peace (GWUP) endeavor to provide holistic education relevant and required for the 21st century and beyond by perfecting and building up the mind of students.

A University education in a developing country is the foundation necessary to grow and flourish in the complex and dynamic environment that is our world today. The GWUP provides the necessary knowledge, skills, and values a graduate will require to become a useful member of society, and to advance the human values in the modern world. An education at the GWUP is a life-long investment.

We have vibrant campuses comprising of distinguished faculty members and industry experts. We have strong networks and collaborations with other research and professional organizations, and World-Class Universities supporting the GWUP in delivering higher education training. The GWUP experience is founded on a strong, dedicated and rich culture of producing educated leaders for the Global community.

The GWUP curriculum has scope and breath in the unique disciplines that make up our degree and diploma programs in the faculties of Business Administration, Humanities and Social Sciences, Law, Medicine and Health Sciences, Natural and Physical Sciences, and the University's Open and Flexible Learning program.

Our excellent academic programs combine a strong foundation for practical, analytical, and creative thinking qualities and skills sets for our students, combined with training in civics and ethics in our unique enrichment programs.

Let me invite you to partner with us to make a positive difference in your life, and that of the community you will serve following your affiliation with the GWUP.

**Professor Riyas Sulaima Lebbe**

MSc, MBA, PhD, DBA, DSc,  
Research Scientist  
Vice Chancellor / President



# OUR VISSION

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To be a leading institution fostering peace, innovation, and sustainable development worldwide.

# OUR MISSION

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To provide transformative education that inspires lifelong learning and cultivates leaders committed to the values of peace and equity.

## Core Values

- Integrity
- Excellence
- Inclusivity
- Sustainability
- Community Engagement





# Why Study at GWUOP?

1. **Global Perspective:** Access a diverse, international faculty and student body.
2. **Innovative Learning:** Benefit from cutting-edge curricula and state-of-the-art facilities.
3. **Community Impact:** Engage in projects that make a real-world difference.



# ACADEMIC FACULTIES AND DEPARTMENTS

- **Faculty of Arts**
  - Literature and Communication
  - Creative Arts
- **Faculty of Agriculture**
  - Agricultural Sciences
  - Agri-business Management
- **Faculty of Medical Sciences**
  - Health Sciences
  - Pharmacy
  - Health Technology
- **Faculty of Management**
  - Business Administration
  - Transport Management
- **Faculty of Science**
  - Computer Science
  - Mathematics and Statistics
  - Geology
- **Faculty of Psychology**
  - Criminology
  - Psychology





# STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

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- Comprehensive mentorship programs.
- Internship and career placement opportunities.
- Access to extensive library and research facilities.





## WHAT IS AN HONORARY DOCTORAL DEGREE?

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The Honorary Doctorate (H.C. - Honoris Causa) is awarded to individuals who demonstrate exceptional contributions to a specific field, community, or society at large. These individuals are honored for their life experiences and accomplishments, rather than conventional academic qualifications. This recognition symbolizes:

- **Passion for lifelong learning.**
- **Dedication to humanity, peace, and justice.**
- **Significant contributions that inspire and uplift others.**

## PRINCIPLES AND CRITERIA FOR CANDIDATE SELECTION

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The honorary doctorate committee follows these principles to select deserving candidates:

### 1. Symbol of Excellence

- The honorary degree is an acknowledgment of outstanding accomplishments across academic, social, and humanitarian domains.
- Recipients are individuals whose contributions reflect the university's core values and serve as an inspiration to society.

### 2. Reflecting Leadership

- Candidates must exhibit achievements that stand out for their excellence, impact, and leadership.
- These accomplishments must inspire graduates and stakeholders of the university.

### 3. Celebrating Merit

- By honoring individuals, Commonwealth Peace University celebrates its association with people of remarkable talent and special merit.



# CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

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**The following criteria are used to select honorary degree candidates:**

- A diverse slate of recipients is chosen to represent both academic disciplines and non-academic achievements.
- Recipients are matched to the goals and purpose of the degree convocation.
- Categories include (a) predominantly exceptional leaders, and (b) and (c) recipients with significant impact.



# GOVERNANCE

GWUOP OPERATES UNDER A ROBUST GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK, WHICH INCLUDES:

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- **Senate**
  - Oversees academic policies.
- **Advisory Council**
  - Provides strategic guidance.
- **Board of Governors**
  - Ensures operational effectiveness.



## **Honorary Degrees**

The George Washington University of Peace: Advancing Global Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding The George Washington University of Peace has been at the forefront of developing innovative ideas in Conflict Resolution, Mediation, Peacekeeping, Human Security, and Peacebuilding. It has earned an international reputation for practically applying these concepts in war zones and conflict-affected communities, both within and outside the United States. This work includes collaboration with warring parties, government agencies, NGOs, regional and international organizations, as well as civilian communities affected by conflicts.

### **Background of the Program**

The George Washington University of Peace proudly recognizes distinguished and successful individuals through its honorary degrees. Each year, the university awards honorary doctorates to individuals from diverse fields who have either contributed to the university's academic work or achieved distinction in education, business, culture, or community service.

The Honorary Doctorate program engages participants actively involved in civil society organizations and initiatives. Selected for their dedication to building a better world, participants learn about peace and human rights, develop local peace programs, and advocate for human rights and dignity.

These participants serve as committed multipliers within organizations, networks, institutions, or informal groups. As ambassadors of human rights, peace, and intercultural dialogue, they bring these values into youth work and initiatives within their communities.

### **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:**

The George Washington University of Peace Act gives the power to grant honorary degrees and assigns to the GW UNIVERSITY Senate the role of providing for the granting of honorary degrees, and to Convocation the authority to confer honorary degrees approved by the Senate.

The bylaws of the Senate provide for an Honorary Degrees Committee which has the task of encouraging and recommending nominees for honorary degrees and submitting names to the Senate for consideration for honorary degrees. The bylaws provide that degrees honoris - causa may be conferred at any Convocation provided that the names of such persons shall have been considered and approved by the Honorary Degrees Committee, and shall have been recommended by the Senate.

### **PRINCIPLES FOR AWARDING HONORARY DOCTORAL DEGREES**

The awarding of an honorary doctoral degree is a highly public action that brings visibility and distinction to both the recipient and The George Washington University of Peace as grantor. It is also among the highest honors The George Washington University of Peace can confer.

This distinction should, therefore, be given only for extraordinary accomplishments and in strict conformity with criteria approved by the Board of Trustees. Honorary degree recipients share one commonality: Extraordinary distinction.

However, the ways in which they demonstrate this distinction, the areas in which they have achieved it, and their geographic locations are likely to be diverse.



That a nominee may be controversial is not, in itself, a reason to deny a degree honoris causa to an otherwise worthy recipient; however, no degree should be awarded to any individual when doing so could be reasonably expected to bring dishonor or embarrassment to The George Washington University of Peace.

Honorary degrees conferred by The George Washington University of Peace do not give honorees who do not possess earned doctoral degrees the right to use the title of "Dr." All recipients of honorary degrees may, however, list their honorary degrees in their biographies, resumes, or curricula vitae.

The George Washington University of Peace will award honorary doctorates only. An honorary degree is the highest honour the George Washington University of Peace can bestow.

Acceptance of an honorary degree by a candidate brings honour to both the recipient and the Centre for Peace Studies. Normally, one honorary doctorate is conferred at each Convocation ceremony.

Honorary degrees are awarded to outstanding individuals who have made a worthy and unique contribution.

### **CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:**

Through conferring honorary degrees the George Washington University of Peace recognizes individuals who have achieved outstanding accomplishments in research, scholarly and artistic works; performed exceptional public service; contributed greatly through their professional or philanthropic activity; and great athletic prowess.

The Honorary Degrees Committee will take the following considerations into account in selecting candidates: The level of excellence and eminence the candidate has demonstrated in scholarship, scientific inquiry or artistic endeavors, gaining high and sustained recognition nationally or internationally. @ The extraordinary nature of the candidate's public service to humankind.

- Above 40 years old
- Should be a Degree Holder
- The candidate's significant creative, material or financial contributions that have greatly benefited the Communities.
- The level of significant athletic prowess demonstrated by the candidate.
- A candidate whose presence at Convocation would be an inspiration to the graduating students. In determining those candidates to recommend, the committee will attempt over time to achieve a balance across academic or professional disciplines and types of contributions, and a diversity of gender and cultural backgrounds.
- If you are qualified, the processing fee should be US\$..... The award ceremony will be held in different countries with additional costs.

The committee may also take into consideration those who for reasons attributable to social prejudice or ignorance may have been passed over.

### **The following persons are not normally eligible for consideration for an honorary degree:**

- current members of the Board or Senate;
- current or recent members of the faculty or staff of the GW UNIVERSITY;
- current students;
- current holders of elected office at any level(municipal, provincial, federal, or within any
- Aboriginal community) and members of the federal Senate for clarification, elected officials are not normally eligible for the following reasons:
- to protect the George Washington University of Peace from the perception of a conflict of interest; and



- to protect the George Washington University of Peace from the perception that it is getting involved in partisan politics; people who are elected officials in other countries may be considered if they do not have political influence over the George Washington University of Peace and
- if the George Washington University of Peace likely does not have influence over their electorate; and people who are former holders of an elected office or former federal Senators are eligible for consideration; and people who have been awarded an honorary degree in the past are in no way restricted from running for elected offices in the future.
- religious leaders, unless they are being recognized largely for other contributions outside of their religious leadership.

The conferring upon any person of an Honorary Degree shall not qualify that person to become a candidate for any Degree or Diploma, eligibility for which is confined by Ordinance, Resolution or Regulation. The George Washington University of Peace graduates; it shall, however, entitle that person to become automatically a member of the General Council.

No Honorary Degree shall be conferred upon a person on the payroll of the George Washington University of Peace, except that the Honorary Degree of Master of Arts or the Honorary Degree of Bachelor of Science may be so conferred, in recognition of long service or exceptional merit, upon a person who is not already a graduate of the George Washington University of Peace.

The Degree of Doctor honoris causa may be conferred on grounds other than scholarship, but other Honorary Degrees carrying the title of Doctor shall not be so conferred save most exceptionally. No application from any person desirous of receiving any Honorary Degree shall be entertained.

#### **HONORARY DEGREES COMMITTEE**

The Honorary Degrees Committee is appointed annually by Governors and consists of the CEO and such other members of Governors as determined from time to time by Governors. The duty of the Committee is to select persons to be recommended to Governors for the conferment of Honorary Degrees.

#### **NOMINATIONS PROCEDURE**

The Secretary to the Committee writes to the Country Heads of GW UNIVERSITY and asks for details of the Country nomination(s) to be submitted, with a note including the Country's priorities for the awards, by late April and October that year. (a) All members of Governors have the right to put forward nominations for Honorary Degrees to be awarded based on academic distinction. These should normally be submitted to the

A candidate whose presence at Convocation would be an inspiration to the graduating students. In determining those candidates to recommend, the committee will attempt over time to achieve a balance across academic or professional disciplines and types of contributions, and a diversity of gender and cultural backgrounds.

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## **CONFIDENTIALITY**

It's important from the beginning of the process of nomination through to the point at which a decision is reached and the successful candidates have been invited by the CEO, that a high level of confidentiality be maintained. It would be a major embarrassment if a nominee was made aware of their nomination and was then subsequently unsuccessful. Equally, it would be embarrassing for The George Washington University of Peace if there was disclosure in the public domain before the successful nominees received official notification from the CEO.

## **FORMAT OF NOMINATIONS**

This nomination must be written under Freedom of Information guidelines. Please try and restrict your information to what is available in the public domain. Where it is necessary to include private information this must be marked as such, i.e. "Information not in the public domain".

- (a) a completed nomination form or updated CV
- (b) (i) a supporting submission on the form that contains an introductory statement setting forth the principal grounds for the distinction;
  - (ii) a brief chronological, narrative account of the nominee's life and work;
  - (iii) an outline of the nominee's most significant academic or other achievements;
  - (iv) an assessment of his/her standing on a basis of international comparison or in the life of the nation;
  - (v) GWUNIVERSITY connection or link (please provide evidence of what benefit has been received within The George Washington University of Peace), or if none of any tangible association with our values; and
  - (vi) any other information the proposer would wish to bring to the attention of the Committee.
- (c) nominations should be accompanied by details of the nominees' published works in an Appendix.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

The Honorary Degrees Committee shall submit a Motion for the award of Honorary Degrees in the form of a written report which shall be made available to members of Governors at least two days before the Ordinary Meeting at which it is to be presented.

The names of those recommended for Honorary Degrees are confidential until approved by Governors and offers have been accepted by candidates.

## **HONORARY DEGREES**

D.B.A. Doctor of Business Administration | D.C.L. Doctor of Civil Law | D.C.S. Doctor of Commercial Science | D.D. Doctor of Divinity | D.Ed. Doctor of Education | D.Eng. Doctor of Engineering or Eng.D. Doctor of Engineering | D.Eng.S. Doctor of Engineering Science | D.F.A. Doctor of Fine Arts | D.H. Doctor of Humanities | HH.D. Doctor of Humanities | D.Journ. Doctor of Journalism | D.Mus. Doctor of Music or Mus.D. Doctor of Music | D.P.A. Doctor of Public Administration | D.P.S. Doctor of Public Service | D.R.E. Doctor of Religious Education | D.S. Doctor of Science or D.Sc. Doctor of Science | Sc.D. Doctor of Science | J.D. Doctor of Jurisprudence | .H.D. Doctor of Humane Letters | Litt.D. Doctor of Letters or Doctor of Literature | LL.D. Doctor of Laws | Ped.E. Doctor of Pedagogy | S.T.D. Doctor of Sacred Theology



## **PUBLICIZING THE NOMINATION AND THE AWARD**

Nominators should not approach nominees to inform them that they are under consideration. The George Washington University of Peace will not release the outcome of any individual nomination, except by publicly announcing the honorary degree recipients for a particular Convocation. The names approved by the Senate will not be made public until this time.

The Secretary will determine the timing of the public announcement in consultation with the CEO, who will make the announcement.

## **AWARDING**

- Honorary degree recipients are invited to give the Convocation address but may decline the invitation.
- Honorary degrees are not awarded in absentia.
- Honorary degrees are not awarded posthumously. An exception may be made in the case of the honor having been accepted and arrangements made for its awarding before the death of the nominee.

The citation for the honorary degree should be no longer than three minutes in length.

Following Council Bylaws, "each recipient of an honorary degree shall be presented for admission [to the degree] by the CEO or by a person designated for that purpose by the CEO".

The gown worn by candidates for the honorary degree is the black doctoral robe of The George Washington University of Peace, faced with emerald green chevrons. The honorary degree hood is lined with gold, with white trim. The George Washington University of Peace will make a gift of the honorary degree hood to the candidate after the ceremony; the gown will be available on loan but is retained by the George Washington University of Peace.

## **REVOKING**

The Bylaws of Senate provide that "the Senate may revoke an honorary degree and all the rights and privileges connected therewith." The Senate would consider revoking the degree on the recommendation of the Honorary Degrees Committee, by means of a vote.

## **SCHEDULE**

The Preferred Schedule listed below serves to guide selection activities except in the most unusual and compelling circumstances. The schedule is in compliance with stated Institute of Higher Learning (IHL) policies and timelines.





## The Honorary Doctoral (Professor) Titles available are:

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| 1. <b>D.B.A.</b> - Doctor of Business Administration | 30. <b>D.N.M</b> - Doctor of Numerology                  |
| 2. <b>D.C.L.</b> - Doctor of Civil Law               | 31. <b>D.S</b> - Doctor of Sidda                         |
| 3. <b>D.C.S.</b> - Doctor of Commercial Science      | 32. <b>D.N.P</b> - Doctor of Naturopathy                 |
| 4. <b>D.D.</b> - Doctor of Divinity                  | 33. <b>D.I.D</b> - Doctor of Interior Designing          |
| 5. <b>D.Ed.</b> - Doctor of Education                | 34. <b>D.S.P</b> - Doctor of Sports                      |
| 6. <b>D.Eng.S.</b> - Doctor of Engineering Science   | 35. <b>D.D</b> - Doctor of Drama                         |
| 7. <b>D.F.A.</b> - Doctor of Fine Arts               | 36. <b>D.F</b> - Doctor of Fashion                       |
| 8. <b>D.H.</b> - Doctor of Humanities                | 37. <b>D.M</b> - Doctor of Music                         |
| 9. <b>D.S.</b> - Doctor of Science                   | 38. <b>D.A</b> - Doctor of Art                           |
| 10. <b>Sc.D.</b> - Doctor of Science                 | 39. <b>D.C</b> - Doctor of Culture                       |
| 11. <b>L.H.D.</b> - Doctor of Humane Letters         | 40. <b>D.O.L</b> - Doctor of Oriental Languages          |
| 12. <b>D.Litt.</b> - Doctor of Literature            | 41. <b>D.A.M</b> - Doctor of Alternative Medicine        |
| 13. <b>Ped.E.</b> - Doctor of Pedagogy               | 42. <b>D.H.M</b> - Doctor of Health Management           |
| 14. <b>D.Journ.</b> - Doctor of Journalism           | 43. <b>D.T.M</b> - Doctor of Temple Management           |
| 15. <b>D.Mus.</b> - Doctor of Music                  | 44. <b>D.H.M</b> - Doctor of Herbal Medicine             |
| 16. <b>D.Y.S</b> - Doctor of Yoga Science            | 45. <b>D.Div</b> - Doctor of Divinity                    |
| 17. <b>D.V</b> - Doctor of Ayurveda                  | 46. <b>D.P.Sc.</b> - Doctor of Political Science         |
| 18. <b>Eng.D.</b> - Doctor of Engineering            | 47. <b>D.Exc</b> - Doctor of Excellence                  |
| 19. <b>D.P.A.</b> - Doctor of Public Administration  | 48. <b>D.S.S</b> - Doctor of Social Science              |
| 20. <b>D.P.S.</b> - Doctor of Public Service         | 49. <b>D.E.M.</b> - Doctor of Educational Management     |
| 21. <b>D.R.E.</b> - Doctor of Religious Education    | 50. <b>D.E.S</b> - Doctor of Environmental Science       |
| 22. <b>D.Sc.</b> - Doctor of Science                 | 51. <b>D.P</b> - Doctor of Psychology                    |
| 23. <b>J.D.</b> - Doctor of Jurisprudence            | 52. <b>D.T</b> - Doctor of Theology                      |
| 24. <b>Litt.D.</b> - Doctor of Letters               | 53. <b>D.S.W</b> - Doctor of Social Work                 |
| 25. <b>LL.D.</b> - Doctor of Laws                    | 54. <b>D.F</b> - Doctor of Finance                       |
| 26. <b>S.T.D.</b> - Doctor of Sacred Theology        | 55. <b>D.M.C</b> - Doctor of Media and Communication     |
| 27. <b>D.I.R</b> - Doctor of International Relations | 56. <b>D.P.M</b> - Doctor of Project Management          |
| 28. <b>D.I.L</b> - Doctor of International Law       | 57. <b>D.Q.M</b> - Doctor of Quality Management          |
| 29. <b>D.A</b> - Doctor of Supply Management         | 58. <b>D.H.R.M</b> - Doctor of Human Resource Management |



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