

Canterbury Distinguished Professor

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Introduction:

The Council has established an honorary title at the University of Canterbury, *Canterbury Distinguished Professor*.

Policy Statement:

1. The Council has established an honorary title at the University of Canterbury, Canterbury Distinguished Professor. The award of the title recognises the exceptionally prestigious position of occasional academic visitors to the University, such as Nobel Laureates. The title is awarded for life. [It is envisaged that there might be only two or three such titles awarded over the next five to ten years.]
2. Currently the University has regular chaired positions (Professors), Adjunct Professors, and Professor Emeriti. The award of the title is another mark of recognition, reserved for very distinguished visitors.
3. The award is limited to those visitors who show evidence of outstanding international recognition and achievement, for example those who have achieved a Nobel Prize.
4. On visits to the University, the recipient will receive the facilities offered to a distinguished visitor, including office accommodation. There will be no expectation to provide teaching or supervision, although this could be arranged if mutually advantageous. No other automatic rights or privileges are conferred by the position, and it is not a paid position. [In this regard it is like the Adjunct Professor positions, except that there is no time limit, and no need for renewal of the title.]
5. The award of the title confirms the University's relationship with the visitor.
6. The recipient is encouraged to use the title, *Canterbury Distinguished Professor*, whenever and wherever possible.

7. The award is made by the Council, on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor.

Related Policies, Procedures and Forms:

- [Adjunct Appointments Procedures](#)
- [Honorary Doctorate Awards](#)
- [Professor Emeritus](#)

Notes:

1. This policy was first approved by Council at its meeting 25 August 2004 on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor and was reviewed in July 2006.

Version Control Table		
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