## *F4.3 Honorary Degrees*

In accordance with the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education policy on the awarding of Honorary Degrees (II-2-21/23), East Central University may request authorization to confer honorary degrees for individuals who have made outstanding contributions to society through intellectual, artistic, scientific, professional, or public service contributions.

The following criteria and procedures apply to the selections of individuals to receive honorary degrees:

1. East Central University will confer honorary degrees at the bachelor and master's degree levels only.
2. Honorary degrees shall be distinguishable from earned degrees and will conform to guidelines in the OSRHE policy on awarding honorary degrees.
3. The Provost/VPAA shall recommend individuals to the university president for consideration.
    - The recommendation shall indicate the proposed honorary degree to be awarded.
    - The recommendation shall identify an individual's contributions/achievements in relation to the criteria used for selection. The criteria shall include but will not necessarily be limited to:
        - exceptional contributions in the field or area in which the honorary degree is to be awarded;
        - the field must be one in which East Central University offers an earned degree; and
        - the individual being considered must have a connection with East Central University.
4. Upon receipt of the recommendation to award an honorary degree, the president, if favorably inclined, shall forward a request to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.
5. All additional portions of the OSRHE policy on awarding honorary degrees shall be met in recommending and requesting authorization to award an honorary degree.