



## Honorary Degree Selection Criteria, Eligibility, and Nomination Procedure for 2026 May/December Commencements

### Criteria

An honorary degree is the highest honor that the University can bestow. Potential nominees should meet **one or more** of the following criteria:

- *Distinguished service to UNMC or the University*
- *Distinguished service to the state*
- *Graduates, former students, or former employees who have achieved high distinction*
- *Persons of high distinction, distinguished achievement, and national recognition*

### Eligibility

Potential candidates need not necessarily have a former connection to UNMC or the State of Nebraska. Although potential candidates for honorary degrees from UNMC would be likely to have made contributions in the areas of health and health science, contributions need not be limited to these areas. Ideally, recipients of honorary degrees should be able to attend the 2025 UNMC Commencement ceremonies. The Chancellor's office will fund travel and expenses for the recipient and host a small dinner party for him/her. The recipient may be asked to deliver a short commencement address and may also be invited by the nominating department to give a presentation on the Friday preceding the commencement exercises.

### Nomination Procedure

Nominations may be submitted by UNMC faculty.

1. Completed Honorary Degree Nomination Form (attached).
2. A letter of nomination outlining how the nominee meets the above criteria.
3. A copy of the nominee's current curriculum vitae.
4. Any letters of support or other supporting material.
5. On or before **November 7, 2025**, the nomination form (attached) and all materials to be considered should be submitted, in PDF format in a single file, to the Faculty Senate Office at campus zip 7820 or may be emailed to [mariza.hoffman@unmc.edu](mailto:mariza.hoffman@unmc.edu).

***Incomplete nomination forms and documentation will not be considered.***

Honorary Degrees and Awards Committee of the Faculty Senate



## Honorary Degree Nomination Form 2026

- I. Date of Nomination \_\_\_\_\_
- II. Nominee
- Name \_\_\_\_\_
- Address \_\_\_\_\_
- Contact Information \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- III. Nominator\*
- Name \_\_\_\_\_
- College \_\_\_\_\_
- Email Address \_\_\_\_\_
- Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Nominator or designee should be available to attend commencement to honor nominee.**

**ON OR BEFORE November 7, 2025, THE NOMINATION FORM AND ALL MATERIALS TO BE CONSIDERED SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO**

The Honorary Degrees & Awards Committee  
c/o The Office of the Faculty Senate at campus zip 7820 or emailed to  
[mariza.hoffman@unmc.edu](mailto:mariza.hoffman@unmc.edu).

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