

HONORARY AWARDS as at 1 July 2025

Western Sydney University from time to time confers honorary awards on distinguished individuals who have contributed to the advancement of knowledge or the betterment of society and who have achieved eminence in their field of endeavour at local, state, national or international level.

Only a small number of these awards are made in any given year and the University and its community join in this public recognition and celebration of achievement at the highest levels.

The Board of Trustees may confer the following honorary awards:

- a. Honorary Doctor of Letters, Honorary Doctor of Laws or Honorary Doctor of Science for contributions to knowledge, to the broader community, the nation and the world; or
- b. Honorary Fellowship for contributions to the University; or
- c. Community Fellowship for contributions to the University or the greater western Sydney region; or
- d. In exceptional circumstances, an existing award of the University (on an honorary basis), having regard to the nature of the achievement and the appropriateness of the award to the circumstances; and
- e. For each of these cases where the achievements and contributions are consistent with the ideals and objectives of the University.

Honorary Awards (*by name*)

Honorary Doctor of Letters

The Hon John Aquilina (2011)
The Hon Mike Baird (April/May 2018)
Her Excellency Professor The Honourable Marie Bashir AC (2014)
Mr Luca Belgiorno-Nettis AM (2014)
Emeritus Professor MaryAnn Bin-Sallik AO (April 2022)
Marcus Charles Blackmore AM (April 2017)
Mr Bruce Bonyhady (2014)
Mr David Lawrence Borger (December 2022)
Mr Slavko (Jim) Bosnjak OAM (2005)
Mr Mark Bouris AM (2012)
Emeritus Professor Denise Bradley AC (2010)
Mr Peter Brennan AM (2011)
Ms Jillian Broadbent AC (2000)
Aunty Frances (Fran) Anne Bodkin (June 2021)
Mr Bryan Neathway Brown AM (December 2017)
Mr Christopher Brown AM (2019)
Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC, CVO (2012)

Mr Ian Burn (dec.) (1997)
 Ms Jan Burnswoods (2010)
 The Hon Sir John Leslie Carrick (2006)
 Mr Elie Georges Chami (Oct 2024)
 Dr William Chiu JP (dec.) (2014)
 Miss Ann Clark (dec.) (1996)
 Ms Ruth Cracknell (dec.) (2000)
 Sir William Deane AC (1999)
 Mr Alex Dix (dec.) (1999)
 Mr Michael Maged Ebeid AM (December 2018)
 Mr Joel Michael Edgerton (Dec 2024)
 Mr Hazem El Masri (2012)
 Ms Elizabeth Ellis AO (December 2016)
 Mr Len Evans (dec.) (2001)
 The Hon John Fahey AC (2012)
 Mr Brian Finn AO (1999)
 Mr Peter FitzSimons AM (2015)
 Ms Mary Foley (2010)
 Adjunct Professor Carrillo Gantner AC (2019)
 Professor Margaret Gardner AC (April 2023)
 Emeritus Professor Barney Glover AO (June 2024)
 Dr Marlene Goldsmith (dec.) (1999)
 The Hon Professor Prudence Goward AO (June 2024)
 Mr Peter Thomas Graham (December 2021)
 Ms Genevieve Gregor (2019)
 Ms Dorothy Hoddinott AO (2014)
 Mr Robert Ingham AO (dec.) (2019)
 Mr Naguib Kaldas APM (2019)
 U Thaw Kaung (1999)
 Mr Thomas Keneally AO (1997)
 The Hon John Kerin AM (1995)
 Mr Stepan Kerkyasharian AO (2013)
 Ms Gabrielle Kibble AO (2008)
 Ms Elizabeth Koff AM (September 2022)
 Mr Phillip Koperberg (2001)
 Ms Holly Kramer (June 2025)
 Mr Daniel Labbad (August 2023)
 Dr Patricia Lahy (dec.) (1999)
 Ms Amanda Larkin (June 2021)
 The Hon. Faye Lo Po' (2003)
 Ms Mary Lopez AM (2010)
 Adjunct Professor Kim Lovegrove MSE RML (June 2025)
 Dr Trung Qi Ly (June 2021)
 Mr Hugh Mackay AO (2010)
 Ms Catherine McGowan AO (December 2022)
 Mr Steven James McRae (December 2017)
 Mr. Roy Medich OAM (June 2021)
 Mr Nicholas Moraitis (Nick) AM Posthumous Award (September 2022)
 Mr Jack Munday AO (dec.) (1998)
 Professor Phong Dong Nguyen (April 2017)
 The Hon Marise Payne (June 2024)
 Mr Charles Perkins (dec.) (1998)
 Professor Kerry Phelps AM (2014)
 Mr John Phillips AO (dec.) (2011)

Ms Teresa Plane (Oct/Nov 2023)
 Mr Michael Thomas Pratt AM (April/May 2018)
 Mr Roger Price (2011)
 Professor Janice Reid AC (2013)
 Ms Thérèse Rein (2014)
 Dr Jamal Rifi (2015)
 Father Chris Riley AM (2010)
 Mr Joseph Toufic Rizk AM (December 2022)
 Mr Geoffrey Roberson (2007)
 Mr Geoffrey Craig Roberts AM (2019)
 Ms Belinda Robinson (Oct/Nov 2023)
 Aunty Mae Robinson (2011)
 Ms Jennifer June Rowe AC (April 2019)
 Mr Kevin Rozzoli (1999)
 Mr Glen Sanford (2014)
 Ms Kerry Schott AO (2015)
 Mr Andrew Phillip Scipione AO APM (April/May 2018)
 Ms Gillian Shadwick (April/May 2018)
 The Hon Helen Wai-Har Sham-Ho (2014)
 Mr Kevin Sheedy AO (2013)
 Sir Nicholas Shehadie (1999)
 Emeritus Chancellor, Professor Peter Shergold AC (Oct/Nov 2023)
 Dr Kevin Sheridan (2001)
 Mr Robert Somervaille AO (dec.) (1995)
 Dr Tim Emmanuel Soutphommasane (December 2018)
 Emeritus Professor Graham Swain AM (dec.)(2000)
 Emeritus Professor Mandy Thomas (Oct 2024)
 Mr Ian Thorpe AM (2013)
 Professor Daniel Tse (1999)
 Ms Lucy Hughes Turnbull AO (September 2017)
 Sir Ian Turbott (1993)
 Dr Andrew Michael Vann FRSN (September 2022)
 Mr Lang Walker AO (dec.) (December 2021)
 Mr David Wenham (April/May 2018)
 Mr Morris West AO (dec.) (1993)
 The Hon Gough Whitlam AC (dec.) (2002)
 Ms Freda Whitlam AM (1999)
 Mr Nicholas Richard Whitlam (April 2016)
 Prof Robert Gordon Whittaker AM FRSN HonDConstM(cqu) FAIB CompIEAust FAIQS
 FNZIOB MSCL (2023)
 Mr Tim Williams (September 2017)
 Adjunct Professor Alexis Wright (May 2019)
 Dr Anlong Xu (September 2018)
 Professor Li Yao (2019)
 The Hon Kim Yeadon (2014)
 Professor Dianne Yerbury AO (1999)
 Dr John Yu AC (1997)
 Ms Carla Zampatti AC (dec.) (1999)

Honorary Doctor of Creative Arts

Ms Melissa Chiu (2015)
 Mr Ben Quilty (2015)
 Mr Guan Wei (December 2021)

Honorary Doctor of Laws

His Honour Imad Abdul-Karim (2019)
Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC (June 2021)
The Honourable Elizabeth Andreas Evatt AC (December 2016)
Mr. Daniel Thomas Gilbert AM (June 2021)
The Honourable Justice Brian John Preston FRSN SC (December 2022)

Honorary Doctor of Science

Professor Bruce Barraclough AO (2011)
Professor Alexandra Bune AM (2011)
Professor Wilbur Christiansen (dec.) (1994)
Laureate Professor Peter Doherty AC (April 2023)
Dr Eugene Moylan (Oct/Nov 2023)
Professor Iona Novak AM (June 2024)
Professor Mary O'Kane AC (April 2017)
Dr Kim Oates AM (2013)
Emeritus Professor Beverley Raphael AM (2014)
Dr Anand Kumar Singh (June 2024)
Professor Neville Yeomans (2010)

Honorary Fellowships

Ms Maha Krayem Abdo OAM (September 2022)
Lynne Maree Anderson (June 2021)
Mr Jorge Aroche (2013)
Mr Ramy Aziz (Oct/Nov 2023)
Jack Manning Bancroft (December 2016)
Dr Anne Benjamin (2006)
Mrs Noila Jean Berglund AM (1995)
Professor Mavis Bickerton (2001)
Mr David Borger (April 2017)
Ms Helen Brownlee AM (2019)
Mr Phillip Andrew Burton OAM (Oct 2024)
Mr Clifford Charles Buchanan (1992)
Mr Joseph Carrozzi AM (June 2025)
Ms Elizabeth Curach (2012)
Ms Sally Marie Dale (Oct 2024)
Dr Ray Debus (1997)
Ms Lindy Deitz (June 2025)
Associate Professor Gary Dennis (June 2025)
Mr William Downes (1995)
Mr Alan Towers Duncan OAM (1995)
Mr John Fairfax (1993)
Mr Robert Clarence Gillam (1995)
Dr Gaye Gleeson (2000)
Dr Danièle Hromek (June 2025)
Dr Chris Hudson (1993)
Ms Caroline Hutchinson (Oct/Nov 2023)
Mr James 'B Wise' Iheakanwa (2019)
Judy Jacka (April 2016)
Professor Sybil Jack (1997)

Ms Vivienne Jane James (April 2019)
 Mr Philip T Khoury (Oct 2024)
 Mr. Arthur Laundry AM (June 2021)
 Professor Paul X. McCarthy (April/May 2018)
 Mr Ned Mannoun (September 2017)
 Uncle Wes Marne AM (December 2022)
 Mr Jim Marsden (April 2017)
 Professor Tony Masters (1997)
 Mr Roy Medich OAM (2016)
 Mr Walid Youssef Mehanna (known as Wally Mehanna) (June 2024)
 Mr John Harvey Milne (1992)
 Mr Harold Mitchell AC (2008)
 Mr John Kieran Moloney (1995)
 Ms Meg Oates (2006)
 Mr Anthony Mark Perich (1999)
 Professor David Herbert Pilgram, AM (1995)
 Professor John Pollaers, OAM (April 2019)
 Mr Garth Popple (1999)
 Mr Gregory Prior (April 2017)
 Ms Sally Ruston AM (December 2022)
 Ms Yasodai Selvakumaran (2019)
 Uncle Greg Simms OAM (Robert Gregory) (dec.) (December 2021)
 Ms Emma Stein (2014)
 Mr Ian Henry Stone (May 2019)
 The Honourable Brian Sully AM QC (April 2017)
 Brother Pat Thompson (2009)
 Dr Norman Thompson (1999)
 The Hon Henry Tsang (2001)
 Ms Wendy Ellen Tuck (December 2018)
 Mr Sean Wareing (2007)
 Mr Lindsay Wasson (2009)
 Ms Dianne Weller (April 2022)
 Mr Greg Whitby AM KSG (2019)
 Mr Ian Wing (2012)
 Mr Eddie Woo (May 2019)
 Mr Darryl Charles Wright AM (December 2018)
 Dr Joyce Fyfe Wylie, OBE (1995)
 Ms Pearl Wymarra (2000)
 Mr Alan Zammit AM (2015)

Bachelor of Adult Education (*honoris causa*)

Mr Murray Rangitoenga (Tuiatua Fa'anofanofo) [Wongi] Thomas (dec.) (2004)

Community Fellowships

Mr Neville Kenneth Barnier OAM (April 2019)
 Ms Ricci Ulrike Bartels OAM (Oct 2024)
 Mr John Gerard Bateman OAM (April 2019)
 Mr Sukhdeep Singh Bhogal aka L-Fresh The Lion (December 2022)
 Ms Anna Buch (September 2016)
 Ms Patricia d'Apice OAM (September 2022)
 Ms Christine Cleary (December 2019)
 Mrs Faten El Dana OAM (April 2019)

Mr Bernard Fehon OAM (September 2019)
Chief Inspector Robert Fitzgerald (December 2018)
Mrs Marjory Freeman OAM (April 2019)
Reverend Dr Manas Kumar Ghosh (December 2021)
Polly Grundy (April 2016)
Mr Bashar Hanna (September 2018)
Chief Superintendent Stephen Hirst AFSM (June 2024)
Amna Karra-Hassan (April 2017)
Ms Martha Maree Jabour OAM (December 2022)
Ms Rosemary Wangiru Kariuki (June 2021)
Mr Matthew McFarlane PSM (September 2022)
Dr. Sarah Lavinia Wemyss Midley OAM (June 2021)
Mr Danny Mikati (April 2017)
Mr Ronald Ray OAM (June 2021)
Mr Paul Rogers (April 2017)
Ms Violet Roumeliotis (December 2017)
Ms Frances Rush OAM (September 2022)
Ms Biljana Sankovic (December 2017)
Ms Jennifer Scott AM (Oct/Nov 2023)
Paul Tosi (dec.) (April 2016)
Mr Doug Taylor (April 2017)
Dr Coralie Wales OAM (Oct/Nov 2023)
Ms Deborah Wallace APM (Oct 2024)
Ms Kerrie Womsley (April 2017)
Aunty Rita Jean Wright (April/May 2018)

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2025

Ms Holly Kramer
Adjunct Professor Kim Lovegrove MSE RML

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Mr Elie Georges Chami
Mr Joel Michael Edgerton
Emeritus Professor Barney Glover AO
The Hon Professor Prudence Goward AO
The Hon Marise Payne
Emeritus Professor Mandy Thomas

2023

Professor Margaret Gardner AC
Mr Daniel Labbad
Ms Teresa Plane
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2021

Aunty Frances (Fran) Anne Bodkin
Mr Peter Thomas Graham
Ms Amanda Larkin
Dr Trung Qi Ly
Mr. Roy Medich OAM
Mr Lang Walker AO (dec.)

2019

Mr Christopher Brown AM
Adjunct Professor Carrillo Gantner AC
Ms Genevieve Gregor
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Mr Geoffrey Craig Roberts AM
Ms Jennifer June Rowe AC
Professor Li Yao
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2018

The Hon Mike Baird
Mr Michael Maged Ebeid AM
Mr Michael Thomas Pratt AM
Mr Andrew Phillip Scipione AO APM
Ms Gillian Shadwick
Dr Tim Emmanuel Soutphommasane
Mr David Wenham
Dr Anlong Xu

2017

Marcus Charles Blackmore AM
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Mr Steven James McRae
Professor Phong Dong Nguyen
Lucy Hughes Turnbull AO
Dr Tim Williams

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Ms Elizabeth Ellis AO
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Professor Kerryn Phelps AM
Ms Thérèse Rein
Mr Glen Sanford
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The Hon Kim Yeadon

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Mr Stepan Kerkyasharian AO
Professor Janice Reid AC
Mr Kevin Sheedy AO
Mr Ian Thorpe AM

2012

Mr Mark Bouris AM
Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC, CVO
Mr Hazem El Masri
The Hon John Fahey AC

2011

The Hon John Aquilina
Mr Peter Brennan AM
Mr John Phillips AO (dec.)
Mr Roger Price
Aunty Mae Robinson

2010

Emeritus Professor Denise Bradley AC
Ms Jan Burnswoods
Ms Mary Foley
Ms Mary Lopez AM
Mr Hugh Mackay AO

Father Chris Riley AM

2008

Ms Gabrielle Kibble AO

2007

Mr Geoffrey Roberson

2006

The Hon Sir John Leslie Carrick

2005

Mr Slavko (Jim) Bosnjak OAM

2003

The Hon. Faye Lo Po'

2002

The Hon Gough Whitlam AC (dec.)

2001

Mr Len Evans (dec.)

Mr Phillip Koperberg

Dr Kevin Sheridan

2000

Ms Jillian Broadbent AC

Ms Ruth Cracknell (dec.)

Emeritus Professor Graham Swain AM (dec.)

1999

Sir William Deane AC

Mr Alex Dix (dec.)

Mr Brian Finn AO

Dr Marlene Goldsmith (dec.)

U Thaw Kaung

Dr Patricia Lahy (dec.)

Mr Kevin Rozzoli

Sir Nicholas Shehadie

Professor Daniel Tse

Ms Freda Whitlam AM

Professor Dianne Yerbury AO

Ms Carla Zampatti AC (dec.)

1998

Mr Jack Munday AO (dec.)
Mr Charles Perkins (dec.)

1997

Mr Ian Burn (dec.)
Mr Thomas Keneally AO
Dr John Yu AC

1996

Miss Ann Clark (dec.)

1995

The Hon John Kerin AM
Mr Robert Somervaille AO (dec.)

1993

Sir Ian Turbott
Mr Morris West AO (dec.)

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Mr Walid Youssef Mehanna (known as Wally Mehanna)

2023

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Ms Caroline Hutchinson

2022

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Uncle Wes Marne AM
Ms Sally Ruston AM
Ms Dianne Weller

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Mr. Arthur Laundry AM
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Ms Vivienne Jane James
Professor John Pollaers, OAM
Ms Yasodai Selvakumaran
Mr Ian Henry Stone
Mr Greg Whitby AM KSG
Mr Eddie Woo

2018

Professor Paul X. McCarthy
Ms Wendy Ellen Tuck
Mr Darryl Charles Wright AM

2017

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Mr David Borger
Mr Jim Marsden
Mr Gregory Prior
Mr Ned Mannoun

2016

Mr Jack Manning Bancroft
Judy Jacka
Mr Roy Medich OAM

2015

Mr Alan Zammit AM

2014

Ms Emma Stein

2013

Mr Jorge Aroche

2012

Ms Elizabeth Curach

Mr Ian Wing

2009

Brother Pat Thompson

Mr Lindsay Wasson

2008

Mr Harold Mitchell AC

2007

Mr Sean Wareing

2006

Dr Anne Benjamin

Ms Meg Oates

2001

Professor Mavis Bickerton

The Hon Henry Tsang

2000

Dr Gaye Gleeson

Ms Pearl Wymarra

1999

Mr Anthony Mark Perich

Mr Garth Popple

Dr Norman Thompson

1997

Dr Ray Debus

Professor Sybil Jack
Professor Tony Masters

1995

Mrs Noila Jean Berglund AM
Mr William Downes
Mr Alan Towers Duncan OAM
Mr Robert Clarence Gillam
Mr John Kieran Moloney
Professor David Herbert Pilgram, AM
Dr Joyce Fyfe Wylie, OBE

1993

Mr John Fairfax
Dr Chris Hudson

1992

Mr Clifford Charles Buchanan
Mr John Harvey Milne

Community Fellowships

2024

Ms Ricci Ulrike Bartels OAM
Chief Superintendant Stephen Hirst AFSM
Ms Deborah Wallace APM

2023

Ms Jennifer Scott AM
Dr Coralie Wales OAM

2022

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Mr Sukhdeep Singh Bhogal aka L-Fresh The Lion
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Mr Matthew McFarlane PSM
Ms Frances Rush OAM

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Ms Rosemary Wangiru Kariuki
Dr. Sarah Lavinia Wemyss Midley OAM
Mr Ronald Ray OAM

2019

Ms Christine Cleary

Mrs Faten El Dana OAM
Mr Neville Kenneth Barnier OAM
Mr John Gerard Bateman OAM
Mrs Marjory Freeman OAM
Mr Bernard Fehon OAM

2018

Chief Inspector Robert Fitzgerald
Mr Bashar Hanna
Aunty Rita Jean Wright

2017

Ms Amna Karra-hassan
Mr Danny Mikati
Mr Paul Rogers
Ms Violet Roumeliotis
Ms Biljana Sankovic
Mr Doug Taylor
Ms Kerrie Womsley

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Paul Tosi (dec.)