

Designating Honorary Alumni

Applies to: *Faculty (including adjunct), postdoctoral scholars, staff and students (including graduate/undergraduate student workers) employed by Pacifica Graduate Institute and its subsidiaries including Opus Archives and Research Center. This policy continues to apply to individuals on sabbatical, other leaves or while visiting other institutions. To call attention to someone who should be considered for nominations, contact the Director of Alumni Relations.*

1. POLICY

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2. Policy Purpose

On occasion, the Alumni Association wishes to acknowledge the extraordinary service or merit of an individual who neither has an earned degree from Pacifica nor qualifies for an honorary degree.

3. Scope and Application

This policy applies to awarding Honorary Institute Alumni Status to an individual who has neither an earned degree from Pacifica.

4. Definitions

N/A

5. Policy Details

Awarding Honorary University Alumni Status

The Executive Board of the Alumni Association adopted the following criteria for awarding honorary university alumni status (November 4, 2019):

1. Someone who is not an alumnus of Pacifica, but whose contribution of time and effort to the institute are extraordinary and highly valued.
2. Someone whose loyalty, involvement and identification with Pacifica are truly that of PGIAA, although the person is not an alumnus.
3. Someone who, if an alumnus of the institute, would be likely to receive an Alumni Award at the Alumni Awards.

The qualifications of a potential honorary alumni candidate should first be discussed with the PGIAA Advisory Board. Following this discussion, nominations for honorary alumni status may be made to the executive committee of the Alumni Association. That committee makes the recommendation to Alumni Relations, which passes the recommendation along to the Executive Board for final determination. Alumni Relations, its Advisory Board, and Community Support Committee may also, on its own initiative, make recommendations for honorary institute alumni status to the President the Association.

Awarding Honorary School Alumni Status

The President of Pacifica Graduate Institute Alumni Association (PGIAA) may confer honorary alumni status. There are no set criteria for awarding school alumni status; however, this criterion for awarding honorary university alumni status should be considered. Others in the Pacifica Graduate Institute community wishing to nominate candidates for honorary alumni status are encouraged to contact PGIAA and/or the Office of Alumni Relations at Pacifica Graduate Institute.

6. Procedures

N/A

7. Forms

N/A

8. Responsibilities

N/A

9. Related Information

N/A

10. Contacts

Please direct any questions regarding this policy to:

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