Regulations for Giving Recognition

Adopted based on clause 12 (2) 16 of the Statutes of the University of Tartu.

I.  General provisions

1.  The University of Tartu gives awards to recognise university members who have made a significant contribution to the achievement of the university’s objectives and performed excellent service to the society, and individuals outside the university who have rendered valuable services to the university and promoted the Estonian culture and language.

2.  The central forms of recognition of the University of Tartu (‘the university’) include
   2.1. the award “Contribution to Estonian National Identity”;
   2.2. the grant of an honorary doctorate of the University of Tartu;
   2.3. the grant of an honorary fellowship of the University of Tartu;
   2.4. the award “Pillar of the University”;
   2.5. honorary decorations.

   21. The design of the medal of the honorary doctor, the medal of the honorary fellow and honorary decorations proceeds from the design of the rector’s chain of office with the portico of the university’s main building as its central element. The author of the design is Julia Maria Künnap. [effective as of 25 September 2020]

3.  By a corresponding decree, the rector establishes awards for significant achievements in particular fields of activity, such as teaching, research and development and serving the society, and determines the conditions and procedure for their conferment.

4.  The council of a faculty, institute, college and non-faculty institution and the vice rector and the area director have the right to establish awards in their faculty, institute, college or field of activity and determine the conditions and procedure for their conferment. [effective as of 25 September 2020]

5.  The list of awardees of a recognition of the university is published on the university’s web page.

II.  The award “Contribution to Estonian National Identity”

6.  With the award “Contribution to Estonian National Identity”, the university recognises an individual whose creative work has significantly promoted the national and state identity of Estonians and Estonia. The award was established in 2004.

7.  Nominations for the award “Contribution to Estonian National Identity” may be made by members of the university council and senate, by the councils of faculties, institutes, colleges and non-faculty institutions, by the councils of other research and development institutions and by legal persons registered in Estonia.

8.  To select the recipient of the award, the senate forms an eleven-member committee comprising the rector as chair of the committee, the recipient of the award from the previous year, four members from the university and five members from outside the university. The committee is convened for a term of three years and a recipient of the award becomes a member of the committee in the year following the year of his or her selection.
9. The grant of the award is authenticated by a certificate signed by the rector. The recipient of the award is presented with a work of art bearing a fitting inscription and with 50 volumes of the series Eesti Mõttelugu [The Story of Estonian Thought] published by Ilmamaa.

10. The name and signature of the recipient are inscribed in the honour roll of the award, which is kept by the academic secretary.

11. The rector presents the recipient with the award and the certificate on 1 December at the ceremony marking the anniversary of the Estonian national university.

III. Honorary doctorate of the University of Tartu

12. An honorary doctorate of the University of Tartu (‘honorary doctorate’) may be conferred on eminent and internationally recognised researchers, politicians and cultural figures who have helped to promote the role of the University of Tartu and the Estonian research internationally and notably contributed to building relationships between the University of Tartu and other universities and research institutions of the world. The honorary title was established in 1803.

13. The right to propose candidates for honorary doctorates may be exercised by five senate members jointly and by the councils of faculties and non-faculty institutions.

14. The senate decides the granting of honorary doctorates at its May meeting. The senate may, by its previous resolution, limit the number of honorary doctorates to be conferred in a given year. The senate decides on the name of the research field of the honorary doctor based on the proposal by the academic committee.

15. The university presents honorary doctors with a medal and a certificate. The medal is engraved with the name of the honorary doctor. The certificate bears the name of the honorary doctor, the name of the research field and the merits for which the honorary title was given. The text on the certificate is in Estonian and in Latin. The certificate is signed by the rector and the dean of the relevant faculty. The design of the medal of the honorary doctor has been described in Annex 1 of the Regulations for Giving Recognition. [effective as of 25 September 2020]

16. The name and signature of the honorary doctor are inscribed in the honour roll of the award, which is kept by the academic secretary.

17. Honorary doctorates are conferred on 1 December at the ceremony marking the anniversary of Estonian national university.

18. Honorary doctors are invited to festive events of the university as guests of honour.

IV. Honorary fellowship of the University of Tartu

19. An honorary fellowship of the University of Tartu (‘honorary fellowship’) may be conferred on a natural person who has made a significant contribution to the attainment of a statutory objective of the University of Tartu, including by means of substantial monetary support. The honorary title was established in 1852.

20. The right to propose candidates for honorary fellowships may be exercised by members of the university senate and council and by councils of faculties and non-faculty institutions.

21. The university council decides on the granting of an honorary fellowship.

22. An honorary fellowship may be granted posthumously.

23. The university presents honorary fellows with a medal and a certificate. The medal is engraved with the name of the honorary fellow. The certificate bears the name of the honorary fellow and the merits for which the honorary title was given. The text on the certificate is in Estonian and in Latin. The certificate is signed by the rector. The design of the medal of the honorary fellow has been described in Annex 2 of the Regulations for Giving Recognition. [effective as of 25 September 2020]

24. The name and signature of the honorary fellow are inscribed in the honour roll of the award, which is kept by the academic secretary.
25. The rector presents the recipient with the medal and the certificate on 1 December at the
ceremony marking the anniversary of the Estonian national university.

26. Honorary fellows are invited to festive events of the university as guests of honour.

V. The award “Pillar of the University”

27. The award “Pillar of the University” is presented to recognise natural and legal persons who
have made a highly significant contribution to the development of the University of Tartu and
promoted its good name and standing in Estonia and abroad. The award was established in
1994.

28. The right to make nominations for the award “Pillar of the University” may be exercised by
members of the university senate and council and by the councils of faculties and non-faculty
institutions.

29. The senate decides the giving of the award “Pillar of the University”.

30. The award “Pillar of the University” is a stylised dolomite likeness of a pillar of the
university’s main building.

31. The name and signature of the recipient are inscribed in the honour roll of the award, which
is kept by the academic secretary.

32. The rector presents the recipient with the award and the certificate at a ceremony to award
honorary decorations organised during the anniversary celebrations of the Estonian national
university.

VI. Honorary decorations

33. Honorary decorations awarded to university members include

   33.1. the University of Tartu Grand Medal (‘Grand Medal’), awarded for services of particular
         value. The Grand Medal was established in 1995. The design of the Grand Medal has
         been described in Annex 3 of the Regulations for Giving Recognition. [effective as of
         25 September 2020];

   33.2. the University of Tartu Medal (‘Medal’), awarded for long-term substantial contribution
         to the development of the university. The Medal was established in 1996. The design of
         the Medal has been described in Annex 4 of the Regulations for Giving Recognition.
         [effective as of 25 September 2020];

   33.3. the University of Tartu Badge of Distinction (‘Badge of Distinction’), awarded for
         outstanding job achievements or a significant contribution to the activities of the
         university. The Badge of Distinction was established in 2003. The design of the Badge
         of Distinction has been described in Annex 5 of the Regulations for Giving Recognition.
         [effective as of 25 September 2020]

34. Honorary decorations may be awarded to university members up to one year from the end of
their membership. In justified cases, the issuer may decide to award an honorary decoration
to a person whose membership at the university ended more than one year ago. [effective as
of 25 September 2020]

35. The decoration “100 Semesters at the University of Tartu” is awarded to a person who has
been related to the university for at least 50 years in total. The time the person has been a
student, an employee, a medical resident, an intern or a post-graduate student at the university
is calculated towards the time the person has been related to the university. The decoration
was established in 2019. The design of the decoration has been described in Annex 6 of the
Regulations for Giving Recognition. [effective as of 25 September 2020]

36. Honorary decorations awarded to individuals outside the university include

   36.1. the Johan Skytte Medal, awarded to a statesperson or other public figure who has greatly
         contributed to the development of the University of Tartu and higher education in
         Estonia in the recent years. The Johan Skytte Medal was established in 1995. The design
36.2. the University of Tartu Star of Appreciation, awarded to a person who has rendered
great services to the university. The University of Tartu Star of Appreciation was
established in 2019. The design of the University of Tartu Star of Appreciation has been
described in Annex 8 of the Regulations for Giving Recognition. [effective as of
25 September 2020]

37. All university members may make proposals for the awarding of an honorary decoration. The
proposal must include a description of the person’s deed for which the decoration should be
awarded. The proposals for awarding of honorary decorations are submitted to the academic
secretary by 20 September each year.

38. A committee formed by the senate reviews the submitted proposals and makes a proposal to
the senate and the rector on whom to give which honorary decoration.

39. The senate decides the awarding of the Great Medal and the Johan Skytte Medal at its October
meeting. The rector decides the awarding of the Medal, the Badge of Distinction and the Star
of Appreciation immediately after the senate’s October meeting. [effective as of
25 September 2020]

40. The rector decides the awarding of the decoration “100 Semesters at the University of Tartu”
based on a proposal by the head of the Human Resources Office. [effective as of
1 January 2020]

41. Each decoration is engraved with its serial number. [effective as of 1 January 2020]

42. The name and signature of the recipient of a decoration are inscribed in the honour roll of the
award, which is kept by the academic secretary. [effective as of 1 January 2020]

43. The honorary decorations and the corresponding certificates are awarded to recipients at a
ceremony to award honorary decorations organised during the anniversary celebrations of the
Estonian national university. As an exception, the rector may decide to award an honorary
decoration to its recipient at another event. The Johan Skytte Medal may be awarded also on
the commemoration day of Johan Skytte, the de facto founder of Academia Gustaviana and
the first chancellor of the university. [effective as of 25 September 2020]

44. [repealed as of 25 September 2020]

441. Honorary decorations are worn following the good practice of wearing decorations. The
academic secretary provides explanations concerning the good practice of wearing
decorations. [effective as of 25 September 2020]

VII. University of Tartu letter of appreciation

45. The University of Tartu letter of appreciation (‘letter of appreciation’) may be awarded to
university members and individuals outside the university who have made a significant
contribution to the success of an undertaking related to the university or rendered valuable
long-standing service to the university.

46. The rector, vice rector, dean, area director, head of an institute, director of a college and
director of a non-faculty institution may award letters of appreciation on behalf of the
university.

47. All heads of structural units may propose awarding a letter of appreciation to the rector, vice
rector, dean and area director. All employees of relevant units may propose awarding a letter
of appreciation to the head of an institute, director of a college and director of a non-faculty
institution.

48. The issuer of a letter of appreciation decides its awarding by a directive.

49. A letter of appreciation is a document created on a special form of a uniform design bearing
the insignia of the university. The form of the letter of appreciation is approved by the rector.
[effective as of 25 September 2020]
50. The issuer decides the place and manner of awarding the letter of appreciation.

51. The list of recipients of the letter of appreciation is published on the university’s web page.

VIII. Implementing provisions

52. The Regulations for Giving Recognition take effect on 1 September 2020, except for clauses 35 and 40–42 that take effect on 1 January 2020.

53. The first decorations “100 Semesters at the University of Tartu” are awarded on 21 February 2020 at the university assembly hall at the ceremony to mark the anniversary of the Republic of Estonia.

54. Persons who have received the Johan Skytte Medal, the Grand Medal or the Medal before the entry into force of these regulations can get a decoration designed according to clause 44 if they so wish. For that, the person submits a written application to the academic secretary. [effective as of 25 September 2020]

55. The Regulations for Giving Recognition adopted by the Senate of the University of Tartu Regulation no. 5 of 27 April 2012 and amended by Regulation no. 30 of 18 December 2015 are repealed.

The Statute of Honorary Doctorates of the University of Tartu adopted by the Senate of the University of Tartu Regulation no. 6 of 27 April 2012 and amended by Regulation no. 30 of 18 December 2015, the Statute of Honorary Fellowship of the University of Tartu adopted by the Senate of the University of Tartu Regulation no. 7 of 27 April 2012 and amended by Regulation no. 30 of 18 December 2015, the Statute of the Skytte Medal adopted by the Senate of the University of Tartu Regulation no. 18 of 20 December 2013 and amended by Regulation no. 30 of 18 December 2015, the Statute of the University of Tartu Award ‘Contribution to Estonian National Identity’ adopted by the Senate of the University of Tartu Regulation no. 8 of 27 April 2012 and amended by Regulation no. 30 of 18 December 2015 and the Statute of the Grand Medal of the University of Tartu adopted by the Senate of the University of Tartu Regulation no. 9 of 27 April 2012 and amended by Regulation no. 30 of 18 December 2015 are repealed.
Medal of honorary doctor of the University of Tartu

1. The medal of the honorary doctor of the University of Tartu is circular and depicts the portico of the university’s main building.

2. The medal is 90 mm in diameter and 5 mm thick. The medal is cast of 925° silver and oxidised darker. The rim of the medal has been polished.

3. The obverse of the medal has been covered with relief brush strokes, resembling the facture of the side chains of the rector’s chain of office. The upper edge of the obverse of the medal, above the portico, includes a curved text “DOCTOR HONORIS CAUSA UNIVERSITATIS TARTUENSIS”. The year 1632 is below the portico. The lines marking the portico of the university’s main building, the text and the numbers are higher and lighter than the surface. The font is Gill Sans Nova.

4. The reverse of the medal is smooth and includes the engraving of the first name and surname of the honorary doctor, the Latin word anno and the year of awarding the honorary title in Roman numerals. The font of the reverse is Bodoni MT Italic.

5. The image of the medal of the honorary doctor of the University of Tartu has been given below.
Medal of honorary fellow of the University of Tartu

1. The material, dimensions and design of the medal of the honorary fellow of the University of Tartu resemble those of the medal of the honorary doctor.

2. The surface of the medal is light, the lines marking the portico of the university’s main building and the text are lower than the surface and oxidised darker.

3. The upper edge of the obverse of the medal includes a curved text “SOCIUS HONORARIUS UNIVERSITATIS TARTUENSIS”. The year 1632 is below the portico. The font is Gill Sans Nova.

4. The reverse of the medal includes the engraving of the first name and surname of the honorary fellow, the Latin word *anno* and the year of awarding the honorary title in Roman numerals. The font of the reverse is Bodoni MT Italic.

5. The image of the medal of the honorary fellow of the University of Tartu has been given below.
University of Tartu Grand Medal

1. The University of Tartu Grand Medal is a pendant in the shape of the portico of the university’s main building, cast of silver and partially gilded, 29 mm in width and 43 mm in height.

2. The pediment of the university’s main building depicted on the pendant has been covered with a thin plate of crystalline rock cut from the building stone of the foundation of the main building. The surface behind the colonnade of the portico has been covered with relief brush strokes, resembling the facture of the side chains of the rector’s chain of office. The lines marking the colonnade are notably higher than the surface and slightly curved vertically. The thickness of the material used for carving them is 0.8 mm. The colonnade and the edges of the frame used for affixing the rock have been polished. All design elements apart from the relief surface behind the colonnade have been gilded.

3. The reverse of the pendant includes the four-digit hand-engraved serial number of the decoration with a height of 3 mm.

4. The ribbon of the decoration is 25 mm in length and width. The length and width of the ribbon equal the length and width of the part of the pendant depicting the colonnade. The ribbon made of dark blue moiré silk (colour code Pantone 281) has six golden stripes that are closer in the middle. The stripes are divided by $5 - 0.6 - 3 - 0.6 - 2 - 0.6 - 1.4 - 0.6 - 2 - 0.6 - 3 - 0.6 - 5$ mm. Attached to the lower part of the ribbon is a gilded silver triangle, the mirror image of the pediment, that gets gradually lower towards the centre. There is a protruding text “UNIVERSITAS TARTUENSIS” above the triangle and the year 1632 in the middle.

5. Apart from the medal, the set of the honorary decoration includes the rosette device. The dimensions of the rosette are $22 \times 9$ mm and it is made of dark blue moiré silk ribbon, attached to a brass base. The rims of the base have been oxidised darker. An image of the main building with the dimensions $11 \times 13.3$ mm made of gilded pressed silver has been attached to the ribbon.

6. The medal is worn with formal attire, the rosette device with a suit.

7. The image of the medal and the rosette device and of the technical implementation have been given below.
University of Tartu Medal

1. The University of Tartu Medal is a pendant in the shape of the portico of the university’s main building, cast of silver, 29 mm in width and 43 mm in height.

2. The pediment of the university’s main building depicted on the pendant gets gradually lower towards the centre and its middle surface has the facture of brush strokes. The surface behind the colonnade of the portico has been covered with relief brush strokes, resembling the facture of the side chains of the rector’s chain of office. The lines marking the colonnade are notably higher than the surface and slightly curved vertically. The thickness of the material used for carving them is 0.8 mm. The front edges of the colonnade have been polished.

3. The reverse of the pendant includes the four-digit hand-engraved serial number of the decoration with a height of 3 mm.

4. The ribbon of the decoration is 25 mm in length and width. The length and width of the ribbon equal the length and width of the part of the pendant depicting the colonnade. The ribbon made of dark blue moiré silk (colour code Pantone 281) has six silver stripes that are closer in the middle. The stripes are divided by $5 - 0.6 - 3 - 0.6 - 2 - 0.6 - 1.4 - 0.6 - 2 - 0.6 - 3 - 0.6 - 5$ mm. Attached to the lower part of the ribbon is a silver triangle, the mirror image of the pediment, that gets gradually lower towards the centre. There is a protruding text “UNIVERSITAS TARTUENSIS” above the triangle and the year 1632 in the middle.

5. Apart from the medal, the set of the honorary decoration includes the rosette device. The dimensions of the rosette are $22 \times 9$ mm and it is made of dark blue moiré silk ribbon, attached to a brass base. The rims of the base have been oxidised darker. A pressed silver image of the main building with the dimensions $11 \times 13.3$ mm has been attached to the ribbon.

6. The medal is worn with formal attire, the rosette device with a suit.

7. The image of the medal and the rosette device and of the technical implementation have been given below.
University of Tartu Badge of Distinction

1. The University of Tartu Badge of Distinction is a regular octagonal chest badge pressed of silver and gilded.

2. The diameter of the circumcircle connecting the apexes of the octagon is 23 mm and the diameter of the incircle is 21 mm. The badge has been covered with dark blue (colour code Pantone 281) translucent vitreous enamel. There is a golden stylised image of the portico of the university’s main building in the middle of the badge. There are numbers 1 and 6 to the left of the portico and numbers 3 and 2 to the right of the portico, forming the year of the founding of the university, 1632. The badge is slightly curved. The edges and backside of the badge have been polished.

3. The backside of the badge includes the hand-engraved four-digit serial number of the badge with a height of 3 mm.

4. The image of the badge and its technical implementation have been given below.
Decoration “100 Semesters at the University of Tartu”

1. The decoration “100 Semesters at the University of Tartu” is a circular chest badge pressed of silver with a diameter of 25 mm. The smooth bottom plate of the decoration is 1.2 mm thick.

2. The central design element of the decoration is the portico of the university’s main building, depicted by intersecting lines higher than the surface, following the design solution of the central element of the rector’s chain of office. Behind the portico, there is the letter C as if drawn by a brush, signifying the Roman numeral of 100.

3. There is a protruding text “CENTUM SEMESTRIA” near the upper edge of the decoration and the text “IN UNIVERSITATE TARTUENSI” near the lower edge. The height of the lettering is 1.5 mm, the font is Gill Sans Nova.

4. The backside of the decoration includes the hand-engraved four-digit serial number of the decoration with a height of 3 mm.

5. The image of the decoration and its technical implementation have been given below.
1. The Johan Skytte medal is a pendant in the shape of the portico of the university’s main building, cast of silver and partially gilded, 29 mm in width and 43 mm in height.

2. The pediment of the university’s main building depicted on the pendant gets gradually lower towards the centre and its middle surface has the facture of brush strokes. Between the vertical lines symbolising the colonnade, there is an embossed portrait of Johan Skytte, the first chancellor of the University of Tartu. The embossing is about 1 mm higher than the surface of the medal. The surface behind the colonnade has been covered with relief brush strokes, resembling the facture of the side chains of the rector’s chain of office. The pendant has been gilded, except for Skytte’s portrait, the surface behind the colonnade and the middle of the pediment.

3. The backside of the pendant includes the hand-engraved four-digit serial number of the medal with the height of 3 mm.

4. The ribbon of the decoration is 25 mm in length and width. The length and width of the ribbon equal the length and width of the part of the pendant depicting the colonnade. The ribbon made of dark blue moiré silk (colour code Pantone 281) has six golden stripes that are closer in the middle. The stripes are divided by 1 – 0.6 – 1.7 – 0.6 – 2.4 – 0.6 – 11.2 – 0.6 – 2.4 – 0.6 – 1.7 – 0.6 – 1 mm. Attached to the lower part of the ribbon is a silver triangle, the mirror image of the pediment, that gets gradually lower towards the centre. There is a protruding text “UNIVERSITAS TARTUENSIS” above the triangle and the year 1632 in the middle.

5. The image of the medal and its technical implementation have been given below.
University of Tartu Star of Appreciation

1. The University of Tartu Star of Appreciation is a star with eight sharp rays pressed of silver.

2. The diameter of the circumcircle connecting the apexes of the regular octagram forming the pendant is 41 mm and the diameter of the incircle is 18 mm. The pendant has been covered with dark blue (colour code Pantone 281) translucent vitreous enamel. There is a silver stylised image of the portico of the university’s main building in the middle of the star. The edges and backside of the pendant have been polished.

3. The ribbon of the decoration is 25 mm in length and width. The ribbon made of dark blue moiré silk (colour code Pantone 281) has six silver stripes that are closer in the middle. The stripes are divided by 1 – 0.6 – 1.7 – 0.6 – 2.4 – 0.6 – 11.2 – 0.6 – 2.4 – 0.6 – 1.7 – 0.6 – 1 mm. Attached to the lower part of the ribbon is a silver triangle that gets gradually lower towards the centre. There is a protruding text “UNIVERSITAS TARTUENSIS” above the triangle and the year 1632 in the middle.

4. The image of the decoration and its technical implementation have been given below.