Professor Emeritus

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## 1.0 Purpose

This policy describes the conditions of conferral of the title Professor Emeritus.

## 2.0 Scope

Distinguished members of the University’s Professoriate may be awarded the title Professor Emeritus.

## 3.0 Policy statement

#### Conferral of the title Professor Emeritus is a high honour and is not a normal expectation for all professors who leave the University’s service. The title Professor Emeritus is honorary and may only be granted or withdrawn by Council.

### 3.1 Criteria

#### On the recommendation of the Vice Chancellor, Council may confer the title Professor Emeritus on a Professor where:

#### An appointment as Professor at the University has been held by the nominee for a substantial period; usually no less than five years.

#### An individual has made a distinguished contribution in their discipline or research area and in provision of service to the University community at a level considered worthy of the title Professor Emeritus.

* An individual has retired or resigned and will not take up an appointment at another University upon leaving Griffith’s service.

### 3.2 Revocation of Professor Emeritus Title

On the recommendation of the Vice Chancellor, Council may revoke the title where detriment to the University’s reputation would arise through continued association with the individual via their use of the Professor Emeritus title.

Upon revocation of the title by Council the individual will be advised in writing by the Vice Chancellor that they are no longer to cite or imply that they hold the title Professor Emeritus.

## 4.0 Roles, responsibilities and delegations

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| Council | Confers or revokes the title Professor Emeritus on the recommendation of the Vice Chancellor. |
| Vice Chancellor | Determines eligibility of nominee against prescribed criteria and recommends to Council conferral or revocation of the title Professor Emeritus.  The Vice Chancellor may consult with the relevant Deputy Vice Chancellor or Group Pro Vice Chancellor about conferral or revocation of the title Professor Emeritus. |
| Deputy Vice Chancellor / Group Pro Vice Chancellor | Determines eligibility of nominee against prescribed criteria and recommends conferral of the title Professor Emeritus to the Vice Chancellor. |

## 5.0 Definitions

**Professor Emeritus** is an honorary title that may be awarded to eligible Professors upon retirement or resignation from the University.

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| **RELATED POLICY DOCUMENTS AND supporting documents** | |
| Legislation | N/A |
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| Local protocols | N/A |
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