



Appointment of Patrons Policy

1. COMPLIANCE OBLIGATION SUPPORTED

[Curtin University Act 1966 \(WA\)](#)

2. PURPOSE

To govern the establishment of the role of a patron and the process for the nomination and appointment of a patron.

3. POLICY STATEMENT

2.1 Intent

2.1.1 A patron is appointed by the University for the purposes of:

- a. creating a high public profile of an organisational unit or activity of the University and/or;
- b. recognising the substantial achievement or contribution made by an individual to an organisational unit or activity.

2.1.2 The appointment of a patron is approved by the Vice-Chancellor following a rigorous selection process, including undertaking due diligence on the prospective patron,

2.1.3 An appointment of a patron will only be made to persons of appropriate standing whose values are consistent with Curtin's Values.

2.1.4 The University may, at its sole discretion, revoke the appointment of a patron if in its view a recipient's continued association with the University would bring the University into disrepute.

2.1.5 The appointment of a patron must at all stages be treated confidentially. A nominee must not be advised of or consulted about their appointment at any stage.

2.2 Eligibility for the Appointment of a Patron

2.2.1 The criteria for the appointment of a patron are that:

- a) the nominee's impact as a patron will:
 - i) provide benefits to the organisational unit or activity; and
 - ii) raise the profile of an organisational unit or activity; **or**
- b) the nominee is a distinguished person who made a sustained contribution to the community, or to an academic discipline or field of endeavour.

3. SCOPE OF POLICY

This policy applies to all employees, adjuncts, and University associates, in any location or campus, within Australia.

4. DEFINITIONS

(Note: Commonly defined terms are located in the [Curtin Common Definitions](#). Any defined terms below are specific to this document)

Patron

A distinguished person who is appointed by the University for one of its areas or activities, in order to achieve a specific objective.

5. SUPPORTING PROCEDURES

[Appointment of Patrons Procedures](#)

6. RELATED DOCUMENTS/LINKS

[Curtin University Act \(1966\) \(section 18 \(1\) \(b\)\)](#)

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