



DOCTOR OF EXCELLENCE
(Honorary Doctorate)

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Doctor of Excellence: Honorary Doctorate (Doctor Excellentiae, Honoris Causa)

An Honor for Professional Excellence

The Doctor of Excellence is a professional honor that gives highly qualified professionals from all fields, and people who strive for personal excellence and become a motivating example in their communities, an independent quality assurance reference. It honors professional ability, an outstanding professional career, services to humankind and international achievements.

This award is not given at the end of a course or a training, and it is not given to everyone: it is granted only after a detailed review and evaluation of the supporting documents of each candidate, to the individuals who truly deserve it.

The Doctor of Excellence Honorary Doctorate

A Doctor of Excellence (in English) or Doctor Excellentiae (in Latin) is an honorary award. It is not an academic degree or an earned research doctorate, and the usual academic requirements of a doctorate are waived. The holder never presents it as an earned doctorate.

A recipient may, if they wish, use the title “doctor”. Whether and how an honorary title may be used is a matter of personal choice and of the law and custom of the country where it is used. The recipient always makes clear that the award is honorary, for example:

- Dr. Anna Brown (D.Hon.Ex.)
- Dr. Anna Brown, Doctor of Excellence (H.C.)
- Dr. Anna Brown, Doctor of Excellence (Honoris Causa)
- Hon. Dr. Anna Brown, Doctor of Excellence
- HonD. Anna Brown, Doctor of Excellence

How Is Eligibility Evaluated?

The minimum age to apply is 30 years (25 years for bachelor graduates). To validate the admissibility of a candidate, the Commission uses the standard of the EAHEA Honorary Point System (HPS™). Eligibility is based on the critical reading of the curriculum vitae of the candidate, and at least 120 HPS™ must be obtained. The Commission assesses the merits of the candidate in any area of knowledge, art, culture, the professions, science or sport, without any social, religious, political or citizenship discrimination.

The HPS™ are assigned on the basis of the curriculum vitae and the documentary evidence, without distinction of cultural area, for human, social, artistic, literary, scientific and technological merits. Reaching the necessary HPS™ does not oblige EAHEA to confer the Doctor of Excellence. Examples of the distribution of points:

Criterion	Points
Age	15 to 35 HPS™ (the age divided by 2)
Leadership	5 to 20 HPS™ (1 HPS™ per year in managerial positions)

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Doctorate education	30 HPS™ for each doctorate degree
Postgraduate education	20 HPS™ for each postgraduate degree
Bachelor's degrees	10 HPS™ for each bachelor degree
Associate's degrees	5 HPS™ for each associate degree
Professional licenses or certifications	1 to 5 HPS™ for each
Instruction, teaching and academic experience	1 to 5 HPS™ for each
Honors, awards and other recognition	1 to 5 HPS™ for each
Publications, books, research and articles	1 to 5 HPS™ for each
Social assistance and services to humankind	5 to 20 HPS™
Other professional and international achievements	5 to 20 HPS™
Language skills	5 to 10 HPS™
Digital skills	5 to 10 HPS™

Costs and Procedures

The steps for the conferment of a Doctor of Excellence are:

- Apply online at apply.eahea.org, name your field of excellence (one specialization field only), upload your curriculum vitae and your documents, and pay the whole price at once, by card or by bank transfer, when you apply.
- The Secretary General checks your initial eligibility and endorses the application.
- The documents are distributed among the members of the Commission, who normally answer within two to four weeks.
- The award is conferred by the majority of three votes, those of the President of EAHEA, the Secretary General and one member of the Commission. If the votes are equal because a vote is not cast, the decision for which the President voted prevails. The Secretary General registers the votes.
- You are informed in writing about the decision. The Doctor of Excellence is not awarded until the fee is paid.
- The award is conferred in the form of two diplomas: the Doctor Excellentiae (Latin version) and the Doctor of Excellence (English version).

What Does the Doctor of Excellence Give You?

The Doctor of Excellence turns a distinguished career into a documented, independently evaluated and verifiable credential.

A record of your standing: Applicants for visas, residence permits and work permits for people of extraordinary ability are asked to document outstanding ability in a specific field. A Doctor of Excellence, awarded after an independent evaluation of your curriculum vitae and documents, gives you a record that can help you to show

your standing in your field. Decisions on visas, permits and employment are made only by the authorities of the country concerned or by employers and institutions, and EAHEA does not guarantee any visa, permit, job, admission or other result.

Two diplomas and a verification you can share: The award is conferred as two diplomas, the Doctor of Excellence (English) and the Doctor Excellentiae (Latin), together with a Degree Verification Certificate. Employers, institutions and officials can confirm your award with EAHEA.

The title "doctor" with the honorary status stated clearly: The award supports your professional profile for consulting, speaking, board and advisory roles, partnerships, publications and media appearances.

A fair evaluation for every field: The usual academic requirements of a doctorate are waived, and the Commission assesses your merits in any area of education, knowledge, art, culture, profession, science or sport.

A simple, fully online process: You apply and send your documents in electronic format. As a recipient you also join the EAHEA Certified Members Directory and receive the EAHEA news alerts, the newsletter and discounts for EAHEA sponsored events.

What Do You Get upon the Award?

- Doctor of Excellence Certificate (English)
- Doctor Excellentiae Certificate (Latin)
- Degree Verification Certificate
- Certified Members Directory listing
- E-delivery news alerts and newsletter
- Discounts for all EAHEA sponsored events

What Are the Doctor of Excellence Fees?

All service fees follow the World Bank Country Income Classification, and additional discounts may apply depending on the economic situation of the country where you live or operate. For the Doctor of Excellence fees, please visit the Service Fees page. The price is paid at once, in full, when you apply, and it is not refundable, except an amount that was paid twice or by mistake.

Important Information

The Doctor of Excellence is a voluntary, independent and non-governmental honor of EAHEA. It is given without an end date and stays valid until it is revoked. It is not an academic degree, a license or an authorization. The conditions of the service are in the Doctor of Excellence Regulations and the General Provisions, which are available under Documents and Forms.



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