

# **Honorary Doctor, Honorary Member and Patron**

## **I. General provisions**

1. VSI ANIMA MUNDI ACADEMIA (AMA) - the Regulations on the Award of Honorary Titles (hereinafter - the Regulations) establish the conditions and procedure for the award of honorary titles of the AMA, the rights and obligations of persons holding the AMA Honorary Title.

2. The Regulations have been prepared in accordance with the Law on Science and Studies of the Republic of Lithuania, the Regulations of Public organization of the AMA and other valid legal acts.

3. The following honorary titles may be awarded to the AMA in accordance with the procedure established by these Regulations: Honorary Doctor, Honorary member and Patron. The title of honor is given indefinitely.

4. For the purposes of these Regulations:

4.1. Honorary Doctor - a prominent researcher of a Lithuanian or foreign higher education institution or research institution, or a public, scientific or cultural figure, highly deserving of AMA, world or his/her own country studies, scientific development, business, public sector development or culture, has performed well-known research and or) experimental, social and / or cultural development work.

4.2. An honorary member is a natural or legal person who pays an annual membership fee to the AMA, thereby supporting the development of the AMA and contributing to the development of new programs and projects. Depending on the size of the contribution, honorary members have a silver, gold or platinum honorary member card. The amounts of the contribution are determined and approved by the meeting of the members of the AMA Council.

4.3. Patron - a natural or legal person who has provided significant material or financial support to the AMA by establishing long-term nominal scholarship funds based on AMA funds, scientific literature, technical equipment, or other material and intellectual values of enduring value.

## **II. Conditions and procedure for awarding honorary titles**

5. Awarding the titles of Honorary Doctor, Honorary Member and Patron:

5.1. The awarding of honorary doctorates to applicants is considered by the AMA Council on the proposal of a member of the AMA Council.

5.2. Applicants for the title of Honorary Doctor of the AMA shall submit to the Council:

5.2.1. reasoned submission;

5.2.2. curriculum vitae of the applicant;

5.2.3. a list of the most important scientific works (applicable to researchers);

5.2.4. other additional documents confirming the merits of the applicant.

5.3. The Council shall form a temporary commission (hereinafter referred to as the commission) from among the five members of the Council and appoint its chairman for the analysis of the documents submitted by the applicant for the honorary title. The Commission shall submit to the Council in writing, not later than one month after its conclusion, its reasoned conclusions on the applicant's activities and the main achievements and merits. The Commission proposal is discussed at a Council meeting.

5.4. The Commission evaluates the merits of the candidate for an honorary doctorate according to the following criteria:

5.4.1. the applicant must be of good repute;

5.4.2. the applicant must have been awarded merit in one or more of the following areas: (a) have made the name of the AMA known throughout the world and have highlighted its merits; b) contributing to the implementation of the AMA development strategy, development of science, studies and artistic activities for more than 3 years; c) its activities have a significant impact on world and / or Lithuanian culture, science and / or studies, technological development and / or business, and the public sector;

5.4.3. the applicant actively participates and / or has participated in social, scientific or cultural activities in pursuit of the objectives of the AMA, and / or has implemented important works promoting the development of society and business.

5.4.4. The applicant must have earned a lot of merit in one or more areas of the AMA in the development of: a) science (the AMA has opened a new field of research, has other merits important to science); (b) studies (initiated by the AMA in a completely new field of study, program (s); has prepared an award-winning textbook (s), other teaching aids; students are recognized as a particularly good teacher; their pedagogical experience is recognized by others); teachers are otherwise highly deserving of study); c) art (has created and developed a school of artistic creation; has created significant awards for works of art recognized in its own country or in the world; promotes the name of AMA in its country and / or in the world through its artistic activity; is otherwise deserving of art);

5.5. The merits of the candidate for the title of honorary member are evaluated according to the following criteria:

5.5.1. the applicant must apply to become an honorary member of the AMA;

5.5.2. the applicant must support AMA ideas, programs, or projects;

5.5.3. the applicant actively participates and / or has participated in public activities, promoting the goals and ideas of the AMA, and / or has created important works that promote the development of society and business.

5.6. The title of honorary doctor or honorary member shall be granted to the candidate if a majority of all members of the Council approves it by secret ballot.

6. Naming of the AMA patron:

6.1. The naming procedure is initiated by the AMA, which has received support, in order to grant a natural or legal person the title of patron of the AMA.

6.2. With the approval of the Council at its meeting, a commission of five members shall be formed and its chairman appointed. The Commission shall submit its reasoned conclusions to the Council in writing no later than one month from the date of its establishment. The Commission proposal is discussed at a Council meeting.

6.3. The title of patron of the AMA shall be granted if a majority of all members of the Council approves it by secret ballot.

7. Diplomas and regalia of honorary titles of the AMA shall be presented at a solemn extended meeting of the AMA.

### **III. Rights and Responsibilities of Holders of AMA Honors**

8. Rights and responsibilities of an honorary doctor:

8.1. the Honorary Doctor has the right to attend the meetings of the AMA Council and is invited to the AMA celebrations.

8.2. has the right to participate in the AMA's scientific, pedagogical and social activities on a voluntary basis.

8.3. in his life and activities, the honorary doctor must represent the AMA, defend his honor everywhere and at all times.

9. Rights and obligations of an honorary member:

9.1. an honorary member may be invited to participate in AMA projects or to initiate a project and cooperate with AMA.

9.2. has the right to participate in the scientific, pedagogical and social activities of the AMA based on the principles of volunteering, in the temporary commissions formed by the AMA Institute or the Council.

9.3. has the right to participate in the meetings of the AMA Council and is invited to the University celebrations.

9.4. in his life and activities, the honorary member must represent the AMA, defend his honor everywhere and at all times.

10. A person with the name of a patron may participate in the English version activities of the University in accordance with the procedure established by the legal acts of the AMA and agreements with third parties.

11. Persons to whom the honorary titles referred to in these Regulations have been awarded shall be entered in the AMA Honorary Book, published on the AMA website, or otherwise communicated to the public and the academic community.

12. Significant projects, awards, scholarships may be named after persons with the honorary title of AMA.

#### **IV. Final Provisions**

13. The Council has the right to decide on the revocation of the award of an AMA honorary title to a person for conduct that derogates from the name of the AMA, violates academic ethics and / or provides false information. A person loses his or her honor if a majority of all the members of the Council so agree by secret ballot. The title may also be lost if the holder of the title renounces it in writing.

14. A person who has lost the honorary title of AMA shall lose the rights provided for in Chapter III of these Regulations as of the date of entry into force of the resolution of the Council approving the revocation of the honorary title.

15. Disputes between persons holding honorary titles of the AMA and the AMA shall be examined by a commission established by the Council.

16. These Regulations are valid to the extent that they do not contradict the legal acts of the Republic of Lithuania. They may be amended or repealed by a resolution of the AMA Council.