

Naming Policy - Positions and Events

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One of the ways in which the University can pay tribute to individuals, organisations corporations etc. who have made a significant contribution to the University is to name such things as buildings, rooms, roads, gardens, lawns and courtyards in honour of them. It is important that the University ensures that such recognition is given only to outstanding contributions and that the recognition balances the significance of the object being named with the contribution made.

The naming of academic positions (chairs, lectureships) and events (exhibitions, displays, lectures) will be governed by the general principles presented above and set out in detail in the policy governing the **naming of buildings**. In general, no academic position or event shall be named after a person or product (sponsor) unless that position or event is being substantially paid for by the benefactor or sponsor. The decision maker shall have discretion nonetheless in approving the naming of an academic position or event after a benefactor, or after a person nominated by a benefactor, or after a sponsor. In doing so, the decision maker shall bear in mind in deliberations concerning this discretionary power

- whether the name is particularly fitting for the position or event
- whether there is potential for future considerations of advantage to the University,
- whether the effort is fundraising or benefaction or is

All such naming shall be determined in accordance with the [University of Sydney \(Delegations of Authority – Administrative Functions\) Rule 2016](#), as amended from time to time.