



COMMITTEE FOR HONORARY DEGREES

1. MEMBERSHIP

1.1 Composition

Total size is 17 members:

- Chair~~man~~ of the Governing Council, *ex officio*
- Vice-Chair~~man~~ of the Governing Council, *ex officio*
- Chancellor (Chair), *ex officio*
- President, *ex officio*
- Vice-President and Provost, *ex officio*
- Chair of the Academic Board, *ex officio*
- President of the University of Toronto Alumni Association, *ex officio*
- 3 prominent members of the outside community
- 7 distinguished members of the University's teaching (4) and administrative staffs (1) and students (2).

Members shall be appointed by the Governing Council ~~on the recommendation of the Academic Board.~~

1.2 Term

Terms are for one year, beginning July 1, and may be renewed.

2. QUORUM

A quorum shall consist of at least one-third of the members (normally 6).

3. FUNCTION

By awarding honorary degrees the University of Toronto seeks to recognize extraordinary achievement in community, national or international service and to honour those individuals whose accomplishments are of such excellence that they provide, through example, inspiration and leadership to the graduates of the University.

The Committee attempts, through its recommendation of nominees, to reflect the national character of Canada, the desirable features of its regional and cultural diversity, and the character and diversity of the University itself.

The Committee defines as broad a range of categories for achievement as possible in obtaining and considering nominations. A list of such categories might include ~~health services medicines~~ scholarly endeavours, the arts, ~~scholarly endeavours~~, business, healthcare, professional and voluntary service in the community at large, and service of long-standing or unusual merit to the University. The Committee may also recommend the honouring of individuals whose accomplishments might not yet have achieved wide recognition in their particular field but who are, nonetheless, deserving of that recognition. Canadians and non-Canadians are considered. It is a requirement that honorary graduands attend Convocation.

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¹ Current guidelines are attached.