

Committee for Honorary Degrees Nomination Form, 2011

By awarding honorary degrees the University of Toronto seeks to recognize extraordinary achievement, in Canada or abroad, in community, national or international involvement, and to honour those individuals whose accomplishments are of such generally perceived excellence that they provide, through example, inspiration and leadership to the graduates of the University. Their esteem should be such that, by virtue of accepting an honorary degree, their presence will bring honour and distinction to the University of Toronto.

The Committee defines as broad a range of categories for achievement as possible in obtaining and considering nominations. In determining the leaders and exemplars to honour, it will seek over time to achieve a balance across disciplines and backgrounds. The Committee also considers the association nominees may have with the University of Toronto or with higher education more broadly.

Canadians and non-Canadians are considered. It is a requirement that honorary degree recipients attend Convocation for the conferral of their degrees. For two categories of nominees, the conferral of honorary degrees will not normally occur until a minimum of two years has elapsed following their retirement from active service in their field, and consequently, nominations should not be submitted until at least one year has elapsed. First are nominees who are currently active in political life, though exceptions may be considered for Governors-General and Lieutenant-Governors, as well as for judges and others whose appointments place them outside active partisan politics. The second category includes nominees who are serving members of the Governing Council or of the University staff, upon whom honorary degrees should not be conferred until a minimum of two years following their retirement or departure from the University. In exceptional circumstances, the Committee may choose to waive these requirements in order to allow the University to honour truly meritorious individuals.

It would be appreciated if nominations could be submitted by Monday, August 15, 2011 in order to allow for their consideration by the Committee in September. Nomination forms should be returned to the Secretary, Committee for Honorary Degrees, Simcoe Hall, Room 106, 27 King's College Circle, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, M5S 1A1, or submitted electronically to: governing.council@utoronto.ca.

Please ensure that this form is completed as fully as possible, and that all relevant supplementary information is attached. The Committee appreciates the efforts of nominators in providing enough information for the Committee to consider nominees thoroughly. The onus is on the nominator(s) to provide sufficient information.

Name of Candidate:

Address / Contact Details of Candidate:

Name of Lead Nominator:

Current Position / Title:

Address:

Phone Number(s):

Fax Number(s):

Email Address:

(Nominations submitted by more than one person are most welcome, however, a single individual should serve as the lead nominator. Letters of support from secondary nominators can either be attached or submitted under separate cover. Please provide the names and contact details of additional nominators, if applicable, in case the Committee for Honorary Degrees wishes to contact them for supplementary information about the nominee.)

Additional Nominators: (if applicable) (name, current position/title, and mailing address)

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Candidate's Biographical Information

(If possible, please attach any publicly available and current curriculum vitae for the nominee.)

Year of Birth:

Education: *(institutions, degrees, years received)*

Employment/Professional Activities: *(includes service in professional organizations)*

Community Service Activities:**Awards and Honours:****Other:**

(On a separate sheet of paper, please provide a 250 word précis summarizing the most significant details of the nominee's background and accomplishments that would justify his/her being awarded an honorary degree by the University of Toronto. This paragraph should be able to serve as a brief citation for the nominee were she/he to be selected for this honour.)

Reasons for Nomination: *(Nominators should note that a well written and complete statement of reasons for the nomination is the most helpful resource for the Committee. Some of the factors considered by the Committee in comparing candidates in the past have included: whether there has been a particular accomplishment of note; connection or service to the University; service to the greater community; service to or influence on a discipline or profession; artistic excellence; service to or influence on the arts; service to the country; cross-cultural influence; other honours received; whether a special anniversary is involved. The Committee seeks those whose merit is extraordinary, and not merely impressive.)*