

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.



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. As such, it is necessary for the Committee to have a diverse pool of candidates so that it may consider diversity in all of its dimensions.

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.



Nominations should be submitted by: **Friday, September 18, 2015.**

Please submit completed nomination forms (electronic format preferred) to Ms Sheree Drummond, Secretary, Committee for Honorary Degrees: electronically to: sheree.drummond@utoronto.ca or by mail to Simcoe Hall, Room 106, 27 King's College Circle, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, M5S 1A1.

Nominations submitted by more than one person are welcome; however, a single individual should serve as the lead nominator. The lead nominator has the responsibility to ensure that this form is completed as fully as possible, and that all relevant supplementary information is included. The lead nominator will also serve as the main point of contact for the nomination and should be able to provide supplementary information about the nominee as requested.

Please note that nominators will be notified of the outcome of their submission following the Cycle 3 Governing Council meeting (February 25, 2016).

