



*Are you a University of Toronto Alumnus/a looking for a way to
make a significant contribution to the University?*

Needed: Three Outstanding U of T Alumni Volunteers to Serve on Governing Council

The Governing Council is the senior body that oversees the academic, business, and student affairs of the University. It is responsible for matters such as strategic direction, finance, human resources, capital expenditures and infrastructure, academic quality, and student experience. Membership includes the Chancellor, the President, 2 administrative staff, 8 alumni, 8 students, 12 teaching staff, 16 government appointees, and 2 Presidential appointees.

Applications for three (3) seats for **volunteer** alumni members of the University of Toronto's Governing Council will be available as of **Thursday, November 19, 2015**. The **deadline** to submit an application is **Thursday, December 17, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.** Short-listed candidates will be interviewed on February 8, 2016. Successful applicants will be invited to serve a three-year term from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2019. For more information on the application and election process, please see: <http://uoft.me/alumgovnominfo>

Alumni governors have the exciting opportunity to contribute to the University with their strategic insights to help guide the growth and success of this internationally-renowned teaching and research institution. Governors' involvement varies widely depending on individual interests and availability. In addition to serving on the Governing Council, duties typically include membership on one or more of the Boards or Committees of the Governing Council; attending events such as student award receptions; participating in the biannual convocation ceremonies; serving on ad hoc or advisory committees; and interacting with members of the University community. In considering this rewarding volunteer commitment, applicants should take into account preparation for and attending a minimum of fifteen meetings over the academic year.

As required by statute, applicants must be Alumnus(a) of the University of Toronto and not a student or member of the teaching or administrative staff of the University. This year, there is a particular interest in recruiting alumni with the following attributes:

- A capable individual with a general knowledge of and experiences in various functions important to the University as it engages with the future, (by example: marketing, communications, emerging technology, financial management, and oversight of private or public sector management);
- An entrepreneurial outlook, balanced with sound judgment and prudent governance;
- A highly creative, strategic and critical thinker, who engages with emerging ideas and technologies to reimagine the University of the future;
- A global citizen, inspired to enrich the University with international perspectives, experiences and connections;

- An engaging and persuasive communicator, and an energized advocate for the University;
- A capacity to master the complexity of the University, and its evolutions as a preeminent teaching and research institution;
- An affinity for mentorship and being an inspirational role model with an interest in shaping and guiding the changing student experience at the University;
- An active volunteer in the University with a strong community presence; and
- An experienced member of other governance bodies with an appreciation and capacity for the required investment of time.

Members of the Governing Council make a significant time commitment in their volunteer service to the University. This may be a minimum of 150 hours per year, but generally is considerably more depending on the depth to which a governor chooses to contribute to particular issues and the time dedicated in his/her first term to becoming familiar with the University's governance processes. In addition to serving on the Governing Council, governors typically serve on two or more of its Boards or Committees. Regular meetings of the Governing Council and its bodies are scheduled from September to June, usually begin at 4:00 or 5:00 p.m., and continue for about two or two and a half hour.

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The University of Toronto is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from visible minority group members, women, Aboriginal persons, persons with disabilities, members of sexual minority groups, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas.