



The Position of Chancellor of the University of Toronto

Statutory Requirements of the *University of Toronto Act, 1971*

The Chancellor is elected by the alumni in a manner determined by the Governing Council.

They serve a term of three years, commencing on the 1st day of July of the year in which they are elected, and holds office until their successor is elected and may serve for a maximum of two consecutive terms.

The Chancellor must be a Canadian Citizen.

Responsibilities

Under the *Act*, the Chancellor serves as chair of Convocation, and confers all degrees of the University.

The Chancellor is also the titular head of the University, and, with the President and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Governing Council, represents the University to the external community. In this role, the Chancellor is an advocate for the vision of the University as it is articulated by the President and endorsed by the Governing Council.

They play an essential ambassadorial role in advancing the University's interests within the local, provincial, national and international arenas.

Attributes

The Chancellor is a distinguished person with a record of demonstrated excellence in their chosen field and in service to the community. They are an individual whose reputation and experience assists the Chair of the Governing Council and the President in "opening doors" both nationally and internationally.

Over the last forty years, the Chancellors have been:

Dr. Rose M. Patten	2018-2024
The Hon. Michael H. Wilson	2012-2018
The Hon. David R. Peterson	2006-2012
The Hon. Vivienne Poy	2003-2006
The Hon. Henry N. R. Jackman	1997-2003
Mrs. Rose Wolfe	1991-1997
The Hon. John B. Aird	1986-1991
Dr. George Ignatieff	1980-1986
Dr. Arthur B. B. Moore	1977-1980
Dr. Eva W. M. Macdonald	1974-1977
The Hon. Pauline M. McGibbon	1971-1974

Expectations of the Chancellor include the following:

- Demonstrated passion for the University of Toronto and the postsecondary sector
- Strong public presence and profile
- Well-developed relationship-building skills
- Evidence of ability to fulfill the ceremonial requirements of the position – desire, energy and stamina; a student-friendly presence or demeanour; and a high level of ease and comfort with ceremony
- Integrity and commitment to inclusiveness

Desired attributes are summarized below:

a) Relationship to the University

Ideally, the Chancellor has an established relationship with the University. Preferably a graduate of the University, the Chancellor demonstrates an unquestioned commitment to the University. They exemplify and symbolize the University by their conduct and the standards that they set. The Chancellor fosters and builds connections with all estates of the University and shares the University's commitment to its values of excellence, equity and diversity.

b) Relationship to the University's Communities

The Chancellor has experience and contacts which add to those of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Governing Council, the President and the Vice-Presidents. They are an individual whose professional and personal profile facilitates the University's efforts to make the case for public research universities in government and other arenas. The Chancellor adds to the ability of the University's senior officers to represent and respond to the diverse interests and perspectives found among the University's members, alumni and friends.

c) Governance Activities

The Chancellor serves in the below governance activities:

- As an *ex officio* member of the Governing Council and regularly attends its meetings. Please refer to the Governing Council website for more information on the meeting schedules
- As the Chair of the Committee for Honorary Degrees, they are responsible for recommending to the Governing Council the conferral of honorary degrees on those individuals whose accomplishments are of such excellence that they provide, through example, inspiration and leadership to the graduates of the University.
- As an *ex officio* member of the UTM and UTSC governance bodies, they attend meetings as appropriate.

d) Ceremonial Activities

The Chancellor is comfortable with and adept at ceremony and generally familiar with protocol in university and government settings. The Chancellor presides at convocation ceremonies of the University, currently twenty-nine (29) Convocations held in June and another eight in November. In addition, the Chancellor is called upon to attend, to host, or to speak at a number of events throughout the year.

e) Advancement Activities

The Chancellor works closely with the President and the Vice-President, Advancement, and will be active, visible, and credible in supporting the objectives of the *Defy Gravity* Campaign, which includes both financial and alumni engagement goals. Potential supporters of the Campaign will view the Chancellor as an effective advocate for the University's Campaign. The Chancellor is counted among the University's most senior Campaign volunteer leaders and expected to actively support and promote the alumni engagement goals through their visibility among alumni and their formal speaking roles. The Chancellor is asked to champion key funding priorities that align with their interests.

The Chancellor is seen as a senior ambassador for the University at a variety of meetings, events, programs and ceremonies throughout the year in the Greater Toronto Area and beyond.

While the annual list of commitments may vary, the Chancellor has an important presence with donor stakeholder audiences through events related to the Chancellor's Circle of Benefactors, the Presidents' Circle, principal gift announcements and recognition ceremonies and donor stewardship.

Similarly, the Chancellor is widely visible among alumni audiences through their participation in Alumni Reunion (Chancellor's Medal Ceremony), regional alumni engagement events, the Arbor Awards, the Rose Wolfe Distinguished Alumni Award, the UTAA Annual General Meeting, to name the most prominent.

f) Community Outreach

The Chancellor is an articulate and effective communicator, comfortable in a wide variety of public and private settings and across a diverse range of audiences.



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<p>2024 Nomination Form Chancellor of the University of Toronto</p>	
<p>Instructions: This form must be completed and signed by a nominator and a seconder who are alumni of the University of Toronto. Nominations will be held in confidence. Please print legibly.</p>	
<p>Section I - Nominee Information</p>	
Surname of Nominee:	First Name of Nominee:
Preferred Mailing Address of Nominee:	
Home Telephone Number of Nominee:	Mobile Telephone Number of Nominee:
Preferred Email Address of Nominee:	
<p>Section II – Nominator Information</p>	
Surname of Nominator:	First Name of Nominator:
Home Telephone Number of Nominator:	Mobile Telephone Number of Nominator:
Preferred Email Address of Nominator:	
Year of Graduation or Last Year of Registration at the University of Toronto:	
Name of Faculty/School/College/Department in which you were last registered at the University of Toronto:	
<p>I, the undersigned, certify that I am an alumnus/a of the University of Toronto. I nominate the above-named nominee for Chancellor of the University of Toronto. To my knowledge, the above-named nominee is a Canadian citizen.</p>	
Signature:	Date:

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Section III – Seconder Information	
Surname of Seconder:	First Name of Seconder:
Home Telephone Number of Seconder:	Mobile Telephone Number of Seconder:
Preferred Email Address of Seconder:	
Year of Graduation or Last Year of Registration at the University of Toronto:	
Name of Faculty/School/College/Department in which you were last registered at the University of Toronto:	
I, the undersigned, certify that I am an alumnus/a of the University of Toronto. I second the nomination of the above-named nominee for Chancellor of the University of Toronto. To my knowledge, the above-named nominee is a Canadian citizen.	
Signature:	Date:
Section IV – Letters of Support: Letters of support may be submitted and will form part of the documentation provided to members of the College of Electors.	
Name and Position of the Individual Providing the Letter of Support	Letter is Attached
	YES NO
	YES NO
Section V: How did you learn of the 2024 Call for Nominations for Chancellor? Memo to the University Community News@U of T email Alumni Association publication/website (i.e. U of T Magazine) Friend/Acquaintance Social Media Other (please specify):	

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Nominations should be sent in confidence to the

**Secretary, Chancellor Search Committee
University of Toronto
27 King's College Circle, Room 106
Toronto, Ontario, M5S 1A1.**

Inquiries may be directed in confidence to Tracey Gameiro by phone at 416-978-8425 or by e-mail to coe@utoronto.ca

Please note that the nomination form of the successful candidate who is elected to serve as Chancellor of the University of Toronto will be kept on file for three years in the event that the individual is considered for re-election in the future.

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Thank you very much for contributing to the governance of the University of Toronto.

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