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**From:** Professor Meric Gertler, President

**Date:** **June 13, 2025**

**Re:** **Call for Nominations: Honorary Degree Recipients for 2026**

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The Committee for Honorary Degrees invites nominations for honorary degree recipients for 2026. The Committee would like to encourage interest and participation in this important process and urges you and your colleagues to nominate exceptional individuals.

Through the conferring of honorary degrees, the University of Toronto seeks to recognize extraordinary achievement in a number of different realms. It also seeks to honour those individuals whose accomplishments are of such 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. And their achievements should be consistent with the University's fundamental values as articulated in the [Statement of Institutional Purpose](#) and other foundational documents.

Read about the 2025 honorary degree recipients [here](#).

The Committee's recommendation of nominees to the Governing Council aims to reflect the national character of Canada, its regional and cultural diversity, and the character and richness of the University itself. *As such, it is important that the pool of candidates reflects diversity in all of its dimensions.*

Please refer to the [Committee for Honorary Degrees website](#) for Nomination Package Instructions, the Nomination Form (fillable PDF format), Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), and other information about the process.

Nomination packages may be submitted at any time; however, the deadline for nominations for consideration for 2026 is **Monday, September 8, 2025, no later than 5:00 p.m.**

Questions may be directed to [honorary.degrees@utoronto.ca](mailto:honorary.degrees@utoronto.ca).

Thank you in advance for your contribution to this important process.