

NOMINATION FOR AN HONORARY DEGREE

The award of honorary degrees is an important feature of Convocation at York University. These awards are important to the celebration of the achievements of our graduands and add to the distinction of the ceremony for graduands, their families, members of the York Community and guests. Nominations are accepted from members of the York University community and from the public with the support of members of the York University community.

The general criteria established by the Senate with respect to the selection of honorary graduands are set out in Part B, below. A nominator should consider the criteria and make the case in detail that the nominee clearly meets one or more of them. When asking other persons to provide letters of support for a nomination, the nominator should ensure the general criteria are shared so that the support letters will address the nominee's suitability in relative to those criteria. If nominators wish the nominations to be considered for specific ceremonies, files should be submitted as early as possible.

Nominations are reviewed by the Senate Sub-Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonials for inclusion in a pool. The Chancellor and President will select individuals from this pool to be honoured at a given convocation. Chosen nominees will be contacted directly by the Chancellor or the President.

Nominations are kept confidential by the University. To assure the confidentiality of the process, nominators should keep the nomination confidential from the nominee. Nominators are discouraged from seeking letters from those external to the community unless it is necessary to provide additional information to support the nomination, and in any event nominators should emphasize the need for confidentiality.

Before submitting a nomination, please:

1. Complete the form **in full** (including a short summary of the nomination (maximum 100 words) and a personal statement of support for the nominee including whether there has been consultation concerning the nomination with York community members, such as faculty members, students, Deans, Principals or Masters (maximum 500 words)
2. Attach a brief biographical summary (one or two pages)
3. Attach additional letters of support or indicate they are forthcoming.

Nominations should be forwarded to the Senate Sub-Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonials, to the attention of Senior Assistant Secretary, Robert Everett, 1050 Kaneff Tower, 4700 Keele Street, Toronto M3J 1P3

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Nomination Form

PART A – NOMINEE

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Short Description of Nominee (e.g. poet, scholar, judge):

PART B - CRITERIA

Careful consideration is given to candidates for honorary degrees who have made a significant contribution to the public good. Please check the box or boxes appropriate to this nominee from among the following criteria approved by Senate for the consideration of all nominations for an honorary degree (note that candidates are not expected to meet all criteria). **Senate guidelines make it clear that nominations of current employees or other incumbents of York University offices, or incumbent Canadian politicians will not be approved, except in the most unusual and exceptional circumstances.**

1. Has attained eminence in his or her field.
2. Has served (a) humankind, (b) Canada, (c) Ontario, (d) York University, or (e) a particular community in a significant manner.

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3. Has provided a significant benefaction to the University.

4. Is a person whose public contributions to society are worthy of emulation.

IS THERE A PARTICULAR FACULTY CONVOCATION WHICH WOULD BE APPROPRIATE? _____

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PART C - NOMINATOR

Name:

Relationship with York University:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

PART D – SUMMARY OF THE NOMINATION

(Please provide a brief statement of the nomination and based on the criteria described above, maximum 100 words)

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PART E – NOMINATOR’S SUPPORTING STATEMENT

(Please provide a personal statement of support for the nomination, approximately 500 words).

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I have attached:

- a. Nominee's biographical summary
- b. Letters of support

Nominator's Signature:

Date:

***N.B.** Nominators will be notified if further information is required by the Sub-Committee. The results of the deliberations of the Sub-Committee with respect to nominations are confidential.*

Should the nominee be selected for a honorary degree, you may be asked to prepare a draft citation to be read at Convocation.

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