



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 which graduands, their families, members of the York Community and guests will remember with satisfaction. 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.

Nominations are accepted from members of the York University community and from the public with the support of members of the York University community.

When asking other persons to provide letters of support for a nomination, the nominator should bring the general criteria to their attention so that the support letters will address the question of the nominee's suitability in terms of one or more of those criteria. 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.

The Sub-Committee will be considering candidates for inclusion in a pool, so nominations are considered throughout the year. The Chancellor and President will select individuals from this pool to be honoured at a given convocation. They endeavour to do this well in advance of the Convocation at which the honorary graduand is to be honoured. If nominators, for a particular reason, wish the nominations to be considered for specific ceremonies files should be submitted as early as possible.

Nominations are kept confidential by the University. To assure the confidentiality of the process, nominators should keep the nomination confidential from the nominee. Nominees chosen will be contacted directly by the Chancellor or the President.

Instructions to Nominator

1. Complete the form *in full*.
2. Attach:
 - i) a curriculum vitae or career summary of the nominee (e.g., an excerpt from *Who's Who*);
 - ii) a personal statement of support for the nominee;
 - iii) a short summary of the nomination.
3. Indicate in the personal statement whether there has been consultation concerning the nomination with York community members (such as faculty members, students, Deans, Principals or Masters).
4. Indicate if additional letters of support are forthcoming.

Nominations should be forwarded to the Senate Sub-Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonials, to the attention of the Secretary, Maureen Armstrong, c/o University Secretariat, 1050 Kaneff Tower, 4700 Keele Street, Toronto M3J 1P3

PART A - NOMINEE: _____

ADDRESS/PHONE/E-MAIL/FAX (if known): _____

SHORT DESCRIPTION OF NOMINEE (e.g. poet, scholar, judge): _____

OTHER HONORARY DEGREES (IF KNOWN): _____

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. a. b. c. d. e.
- 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? _____

PART C - NOMINATOR: _____

RELATIONSHIP WITH YORK UNIVERSITY: _____

WORK ADDRESS/PHONE/E-MAIL/FAX: _____

HOME ADDRESS/PHONE/E-MAIL/FAX: _____

A brief citation in honour of the graduand is read at the Convocation ceremony immediately prior to the conferral of the degree. It is customary for the Nominator to take responsibility for preparation of this draft citation. Should the person you have nominated be confirmed for a particular convocation, you will be contacted about the citation.

- I have attached: statement of support
- nominee's curriculum vitae
- short summary of the nomination (approx. 100 words)
- 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.