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Honorary Degree Nominations

An honorary degree is the University of Alberta's highest honour.

The following pages outline the nomination process and the **seven key components** of an honorary degree nomination form.

The University of Alberta Senate welcomes the nomination of inspiring individuals for honorary degrees.

The vision of the University of Alberta is to inspire the human spirit through outstanding achievements in learning, discovery and citizenship in a creative community, building one of the world's great universities for the public good. This vision will be reflected in the individuals who receive honorary degrees from the University.

Honorary degrees are intended to honour individuals whose extraordinary intellectual or artistic achievements or significant service to society set a standard of excellence and merit the University's highest honour. In accepting an honorary degree, the recipient also honours the spirit of the University.

The University celebrates inspiring role models and transformative legacies in all fields of endeavour.

- **leading academics in all disciplines and creative minds in arts and performance**
- **public intellectuals and opinion-makers**
- **visionary leaders and exemplary public figures**
- **community builders and philanthropists**

Honorary degrees are conferred *honoris causa*, "for the sake of honour," and are awarded as one of three types: Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*; Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*; and Doctor of Science, *honoris causa*.

CRITERIA

By awarding honorary degrees, the University of Alberta seeks to recognize extraordinary achievement or outstanding service in our community, in Canada or internationally. The University seeks to honour those individuals whose accomplishments, leadership and service will inspire our graduates.

The Senate Honorary Degrees Committee welcomes nominations of exceptional individuals in a broad range of categories: scholarship, the arts, public service, business, athletics, health services, national or international leadership, professional and voluntary service in the community at large, and exemplary service of long-standing and unusual merit to the University.

In approving candidates for honorary degrees, the Committee strives for diversity of backgrounds, disciplines and spheres of contribution. The Committee seeks those whose merit is extraordinary and not merely impressive.

Nominations are not awarded posthumously and generally not to any of the following: current faculty or staff; current members of the Board of Governors and the Senate; and current holders of political office in Canada.

At the University of Alberta it is a requirement that honorary degree recipients attend Convocation for the conferral of their degrees.

HONORARY DEGREE NOMINATION PROCESS

Any member of the public or the University community may submit a nomination.

Successful nominations will remain on file for active consideration and calendaring for a period of several years.

Membership on the Senate Honorary Degrees Committee includes the Chancellor, the President, the Provost and Vice-President (Academic), members of the academic community including deans and/or professors, members of the Senate and representatives from the support staff, the Alumni Association, the Students' Union and the Graduate Students' Association.

THE DEADLINES FOR NOMINATIONS TO BE RECEIVED ARE FEBRUARY 15 and JUNE 30.

Nominations are welcome at any time, but must be submitted to the Office of the Chancellor and Senate no later than **February 15 or June 30** to allow full consideration by the Senate Honorary Degrees Committee.

Nominations will not be accepted without a completed nomination form.

A nomination must include:

1. A Reasons for Nomination statement from the nominator
2. An up-to-date Biographical Summary including degrees, awards and achievements
3. One written supporting letter of reference from an informed and distinguished referee.
4. The names and contact information of two additional referees who are familiar with the nominee's achievements and who support this nomination.

Nominations may be submitted to:

Chair, Senate Honorary Degrees Committee
Office of the Chancellor and Senate
150 Assiniboia Hall
University of Alberta
Edmonton, Alberta T6G 2E7

Email: senate.office@ualberta.ca
Tel: 780-492-2268

ALL INFORMATION SUBMITTED WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL

**** It is strongly recommended that nominees not be advised of their nomination.**

The information collected on these forms and received from the supporters is collected under the authority of the Alberta Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and related directly to and needed by the Senate Honorary Degrees Committee for the sole purpose of consideration for an Honorary Degree. The information will remain confidential to this Committee until such time as (and if) an Honorary Degree is granted. If you have any questions about the collection and use of this information please contact the Executive Officer of the Senate, 150 Assiniboia Hall, University of Alberta, T6G 2E7 or (780) 492-2268.

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA HONORARY DEGREE NOMINATION FORM

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1. Full name of nominee and contact information:

Current position / title:

Telephone numbers – business:

residence:

Facsimile:

Email address:

Mailing address:

2. Summary Statement:

In one sentence, please summarize why the nominee's extraordinary achievements or significant service to society set a standard of excellence and merit the University's highest honour.

3. Nomination submitted by:

Name of Nominator:

Current position/title:

Telephone number – business:

residence:

Email address:

Mailing address:

Signature:

Date:

4. Reasons for Nomination (maximum two pages)

(Nominators should note that a compelling and complete statement of the reasons for nomination is the most helpful resource for the Committee.)

5. Biographical Summary (maximum two pages)

Please include the following:

Education:

Career – positions held, including academic, professional, business, volunteer, etc.

Notable achievements:

Previous awards or recognition:

Community involvement activities:

Connection to the University of Alberta, or to Canada, if any:

6. Letter of Reference for this nomination (Please attach original letter of reference)

Name of Nominee:

Name of Referee:

Current position / title:

Telephone number – business:

residence:

Email address:

Mailing address:

Date:

7. Contact information for two additional individuals who support this nomination

1.

Name:

Current position / title:

Telephone number – business:

residence:

Email address:

Mailing address:

2.

Name:

Current position / title:

Telephone number – business:

residence:

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