



VICTORIA UNIVERSITY  
IN THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

## 2026 HONORARY DEGREE NOMINATION FORM

Deadline for the submission of this nomination form and all supporting documentation is **Wednesday, November 19, 2025**. Please forward to:

Anwar Kazimi, Secretary to the Senate  
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The Senate Executive Committee will begin meeting to consider candidates for the awarding of honorary degrees at the 2026 Convocation. We encourage your participation in this important process and urge you and your colleagues to submit nominations for exceptional candidates. Any member of the University community is welcome to submit a nomination.

### General Criteria for Nominations

Nominees will have made significant contributions to their field, career, or community, in provincial, national or international forums. Victoria University honorary degree recipients should inspire, lead by example, and bring honour and distinction to the University. Nominees should reflect the distinctiveness of Victoria University and its commitment to fostering diversity and the practices of inclusive excellence.

### Nominee Eligibility

Active faculty or staff members (including those who have retired within the past five years), current students, and members of the governing bodies of both Victoria University and the University of Toronto (including its federated universities and constituent colleges) are generally not eligible for honorary degrees. Politicians or individuals currently holding political office and members of the judiciary are typically not considered. Candidates with potential conflicts of interest, such as those with close personal or professional ties to Victoria University, may be excluded to maintain impartiality. Honorary degrees are usually not awarded posthumously or in absentia, except in exceptional circumstances.

**We require a *complete application* from the lead nominator including a detailed statement about how this person qualifies for an honorary degree. At least ONE additional letter in support of the nomination is required.**

**Please ensure that this form is completed as fully as possible, and that all relevant supplementary information is attached. The onus is on the lead nominator to provide sufficient information for a decision.**

**Name of Candidate:**

**Please indicate which degree the candidate is nominated for:**

- Doctor of Divinity** - conferred upon persons who have made a significant contribution to the Church or to its mission. Members of the Order of Ministry and laity are eligible for consideration.
- Doctor of Sacred Letters** - conferred upon persons who have made a significant contribution to the study of Theology or Religion. Members of the Order of Ministry and laity are eligible for consideration.
- Doctor of Humane Letters** - conferred upon persons whose outstanding contributions to society exemplify the values that Victoria University seeks to cultivate in its members.

**Contact Details of Candidate**

E-mail:

Phone:

**Name of Lead Nominator:**

**Contact Details of Lead Nominator**

E-mail:

Phone:

**Required Supporting Documents:**

**1. Please attach a letter of nomination for the candidate, including the following:**

- Education (*institutions, degrees, years received*)
- Employment / Professional Activities
- Community Service
- Awards and Honors

**Nomination letters must include a brief description of the most significant aspects of the nominee's accomplishments that can serve as a brief citation if the nominee is selected for an honorary degree.**

2. **Attach a copy of the candidate's curriculum vitae**  
*Or*  
**Attach a statement of the candidate's biographical information**

A completed application by the lead nominator *and* a letter of support from a secondary nominator is required to complete the package.

**Name of Secondary Nominator:**

**Contact Details of Secondary Nominator**

E-mail:

Phone:

Additional letters of support are welcome and can either be attached or submitted separately. Please provide the names and contact details for any additional nominators:

**Name:**

**Contact Details**

E-mail:

Phone:

**Name:**

**Contact Details**

E-mail:

Phone:

## Honorary Degree Nomination Checklist

- Completed Honorary Degree Nomination Form
- Lead Nominator's Letter of Support
- Secondary Nominator's Letter of Support
- Candidate's Curriculum Vitae *or* Statement of Biographical Information
- Additional Letters of Support (optional)