THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA|OKANAGAN
Honorary Degree Nominations

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HONORARY DEGREE NOMINATIONS

The Okanagan Senate welcomes the nomination of worthy individuals for Honorary Degrees.

An Honorary Degree is considered to be the University's highest honour and the granting of such a degree is one of the University's major public actions. By its choice, the University proclaims the recipient worthy to be admitted to the University on the basis of achievement for the common good. In conferring the degree, the University also makes a public statement about its own fundamental values.

Honorary Degrees are intended to honour individuals whose extraordinary intellectual or artistic achievements or significant service to the wider society are worthy of the University's highest honour. An Honorary Degree, it is said, honours both the grantee and the spirit of the institution. An Honorary Degree should encourage a standard of excellence which is exemplary to students and to society.

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

Criteria

The award of an Honorary Degree is recognition by The University of British Columbia of distinguished achievement or of outstanding service. The criteria for the award of an Honorary Degree are excellence, eminence, and accomplishment. Nominees must be exceptionally distinguished: scholars, creative artists, public servants, persons prominent in the community and the professions, and others who have made significant contributions locally, nationally or globally.

Honorary degrees are not normally awarded to those who currently hold political office, including Senators, nor to current or former UBC faculty members, nor those whose contributions may be considered to be no longer of current interest or at previous levels of significance. In approving candidates for Honorary Degrees, the Senates strive for diversity of background, disciplines, and spheres of contribution. A nomination that may possibly be controversial will need to pass the test: *"is UBC willing to deal with any and all possible consequences?"*

Honorary Degree Nomination Form

Please complete the following information regarding your nominee; attach further information if necessary.

Your nomination MUST include:

- two (2) to five (5) letters of support from distinguished referees
- full curriculum vitae and/or biographical sketch

It is in the best interests of the nominee to supply as much information as is relevant and available. NOTE: All information submitted on behalf of the nominee will be kept CONFIDENTIAL

FULL NAME OF NOMINEE

CURRENT ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH

EDUCATION

PRESENT POSITION

POSITIONS HELD (BUSINESS, PROFESSIONAL, ACADEMIC, VOLUNTEER, ETC.)

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

NATIONAL OR PROVINCIAL ACTIVITIES

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

PREVIOUS AWARDS OR RECOGNITIONS

PLEASE STATE BRIEFLY HOW THE NOMINEE FITS THE STATED CRITERIA AND THE CONNECTION WITH UBC, IF ANY

SUBMITTED BY (PLEASE PRINT)

Name:
Address:
Phone number:
Signed by:
Date:

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS TO BE RECEIVED IS OCTOBER 19, 2007

All nominations must be received by this date. Nominations will not be considered without the completion of the Nomination Form.

Please return the completed form to:

Attention: Chair, Okanagan Senate Policies and Procedures Committee
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Note on the nomination process

Any member of the public or the University community may submit nominations. All nominations are valid for a period of three years (the year nominated plus two years.)

Nominations submitted to UBC Okanagan are considered for UBC Honorary Degrees that will be awarded at the Okanagan campus during the graduation ceremonies.

The Okanagan Senate Secretariat distributes nomination forms which, when completed, are forwarded to the Okanagan Senate Policies and Procedures Committee. This Committee included the Chancellor, the President and members of the Okanagan Senate. The Committee reviews the nominations and develops a list of proposed individuals, which is then recommended to the Okanagan Senate for final approval.