



# OCAD University Honorary Doctoral Degree Nomination Guidelines 2019

## Introduction

The nomination and approval process for Honorary Doctorates is confidential, and all those involved in the process are expected to maintain that confidentiality.

Nominations will be accepted from anyone from the OCAD University community. Individuals may not nominate themselves or members of their family.

Up to two individuals could be selected to receive this honour which will then be presented at Convocation. Awardees will also be asked to address the graduating class with brief remarks.

## Eligibility

An Honorary Doctorate is the highest honour conferred by OCAD University, awarded to outstanding individuals who have made a significant contribution to the fields of art, design, and culture; to education; and to the ideals of our University:

- in Canada, or internationally, particularly in fields of interest to OCAD U; or
- to the development of OCAD University; or
- to the betterment of arts, design and culture, or society, or the local community.

## Exclusions:

- Current faculty, administrators, and staff at OCAD University are normally not eligible for nomination.

- Other than in exceptional circumstances, honorands must be present at the Convocation ceremony to receive a degree; degrees will not be offered in absentia.
- Names of nominees who are not selected for the award in any given year are not carried over to the next competition. Individuals must be re-nominated.
- The nominee must be living. If the candidate dies after accepting the nomination, but prior to its award, the degree will be awarded posthumously.

### **Selection Criteria**

Since almost all candidates for honorary degrees will be distinguished people in one way or another, the Honorary Doctorate Selection Committee of the Senate will consider the following:

- Will this person's achievement be seen to be important and exemplary to the students who will graduate at Convocation?
- Is it appropriate and/or strategic for OCAD University to honour this person at this time?
- In what ways is the candidate's achievement truly outstanding?
- In what ways has the nominee made an extraordinary contribution to culture, scholarship, and society?
- Has this person already been sufficiently recognized by other honors and awards?
- Has this person been appropriately recognized by the field or profession in which s/he is said to excel?
- Does this candidate help OCAD University achieve the goal of reflecting the diversity of Canadian society or the academic diversity of the University in the honours it bestows?
- Is the nominee already aware of OCAD University and would s/he appreciate the significance of the award?

# OCAD University Honorary Doctoral Degree Nomination Form 2018

**Submit to:**

Office of the President  
230 Richmond West, Level 11  
Toronto, Ontario M5T 1W1  
jnorthwayfrank@ocadu.ca

**Deadline:**

January 31, 2019

**SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

Please complete this form and attach related supporting material as outlined below:

- A personal statement of support or rationale for the nominee. The statement must be detailed yet succinct (maximum of 500 words). In addition, please indicate if there has been any consultation with other OCAD University Community members (such as Deans, Faculty members).
- A curriculum vitae or career summary of the nominee (e.g. a web bio)
- A statement, based on the criteria stated in the Selection Criteria (see Nomination Guidelines) of how the nominee has made an extraordinary contribution.

The Honorary Doctorate Selection Committee of the Senate reserves the right to decline nominations if they determine such nominations to be insufficient or incomplete.

Name and Title of Nominee:

Name of Nominator:

Phone Number of Nominator:

Email of Nominator:

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Signature of Nominator:

Date:

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Supporting Rationale (500 words or less):

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