

## **Call for Nominations**

Wilfrid Laurier University invites members of the university community and the general public to nominate worthy individuals for honorary degrees.

The individuals upon whom the university bestows honorary degrees should reflect both the full diversity of Canadian society and the qualities that Laurier prizes, as expressed in the university's vision statement: "Our commitment is to justice and sustainability now and in the future, so we strive to ignite the minds, spirits and hearts of our communities through excellence in teaching and learning, in the discovery, scholarly exploration, and application of new ideas, and in instilling the courage to engage and challenge the world in all its complexity."

Honorary degrees are awarded *honoris causa*, "for the sake of the honour," and are intended to recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions locally, nationally, and globally, such as:

- Leading academics and public intellectuals across the disciplines
- Exemplary leaders in all fields
- Outstanding artists and performers
- Community builders and philanthropists

Honorary degrees are not awarded posthumously, and generally not to any of the following: current faculty or staff; current members of the Board of Governors or Senate; and active politicians.

## **Process**

Nomination deadlines are November 15 for spring convocation and February 15 for fall convocation. Nominations are reviewed by the Honorary Degree Committee (<a href="mailto:membership">membership</a> & terms of reference) and must include a completed nomination form, a letter of nomination signed by two nominators (or two representatives of a nominating group), and a full curriculum vitae and/or biographical sketch. All information submitted will be kept confidential. It is recommended that nominees not be advised of their nomination.

## Nomination Form

Complete list of honorary degree recipients, 1961 - present

Nomination Process for University Honours