

## Honorary Degree Nomination Form

Each year, the Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees recommends to Senate candidates for honorary degrees to be awarded at the spring and fall Convocations. Members of the McMaster community are invited to nominate appropriate candidates for the Committee's consideration.

There are three general categories of people upon whom the University confers honorary degrees:

- (i) individuals who are distinguished scholars or who have made outstanding contributions to the creative or performing arts;
- (ii) individuals who have distinguished reputations in the area of public service at the national or international levels, or who have had long and distinguished careers in professions such as law, or as educators, for example; and
- (iii) individuals who have made important and noteworthy contributions to McMaster University and/or the local community.

Individuals in any one of these three categories are given special consideration if they are alumni of the University or are, or have been, associated with the University in some way.

At this time, the University confers four honorary degrees:

- (i) **Doctor of Divinity (D.D.)** Awarded on the recommendation of the McMaster Divinity College for outstanding service to, or scholarship in, the religious community.
- (ii) **Doctor of Letters (D.Litt.)** Awarded for outstanding achievement in the humanities, or in the performing or fine arts.
- (iii) **Doctor of Science (D.Sc.)** Awarded for outstanding achievement in the pure and applied sciences, usually through research.
- (iv) **Doctor of Laws (LL.D.)** Awarded for outstanding academic achievement in the Social Sciences and/or for significant community contributions at the local, national, or international levels.

To nominate a candidate for an honorary degree, **please complete the pages attached to this form and return it with supporting documentation** to the address indicated.

The full text of the policy on the Guidelines for the Awarding of Honorary Degrees can be found on the [University Secretariat's website](#).

McMaster University will keep all nominations and the information contained therein confidential. To ensure the confidentiality of the nomination process, nominators should keep the nomination confidential from the candidate. **This form may be completed electronically before printing.**

**Candidate Information**

Name (in full): \_\_\_\_\_

Current Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Ext. \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Does the candidate have any affiliation with McMaster University?  Yes  No  Don't Know

If Yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Degree Recommended \*:  Doctor of Divinity (D.D.)  Doctor of Letters (D.Litt.)  
 Doctor of Science (D.Sc.)  Doctor of Laws (LL.D.)

Convocation Recommended \*:  Business  Divinity College  Engineering  
 Health Sciences  Humanities and Arts & Science  
 Nursing  Science  Social Sciences

\* Please note that the Committee on Honorary Degrees will recommend to Senate the Convocation date and honorary degree to be awarded.

**Nominator Information**

Name of Primary Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Ext. \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please forward this form and the required supporting documentation to: [senate@mcmaster.ca](mailto:senate@mcmaster.ca)**

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## Honorary Degree Nomination Form Check List

Please provide the following information on the Candidate:

**Career Summary/Citation** – Provide a summary of the nominee’s accomplishments, the significance of their achievements, and the impact of such on the local, national or international community (~250 words)

**Letters of Support** – Provide a list of the individuals/groups that have provided the letters of support attached to this form (if applicable)

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_

**List of Additional Information Included** – Provide a list of any additional information included to support the candidate’s nomination (if applicable)

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_

**Curriculum Vitae/ Résumé**

**Personal Statement of Support**