



**Date:** July 29, 2024

**To:** Members of the University Community

**From:** Marion Buller, Chancellor and Chair, Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees and Other Forms of Recognition

**Re:** **Request for Nominations for Honorary Degree Candidates**

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This memo is sent to all university community members to encourage you to nominate a candidate you deem worthy of an honorary degree from the University of Victoria. Awarding such a degree is a significant and prestigious way for the university to recognize and honour individuals who have achieved great things and celebrate what we value as a campus community. The university's [recent honourees](#) – amongst whom are amongst whom are *James Carley (DLitt)*, *Margaret Lidkea (LLD)*, and *Eloise Spitzer (LLD)* – reflect achievement in many varied realms.

The Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees and Other Forms of Recognition welcomes your suggestions of worthy candidates who may appropriately join the ranks of previous recipients. You should feel free to nominate candidates from any place and of any nationality, but we suggest you give particular attention to people who have had some connection with the University of Victoria, British Columbia and the traditional and ancestral territories of the Indigenous Peoples of the area. The Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees and Other Forms of Recognition and Senate look for diversity when selecting honorary degree recipients and strongly encourages you to nominate people from diverse backgrounds. ***The next meeting deadline for nomination consideration by the Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees and Other Forms of Recognition is Friday, September 13, 2024.***

The terms of reference and procedures of the committee and the Honorary Degree Nomination Form are available [online](#) at. A nomination letter should include detailed specifications and documentation of the candidate's achievements that the nominator believes qualify the candidate for consideration for an honorary degree. It should clearly describe why the nominee should receive an honorary degree and include, as appropriate, information about the nominee's community activities, national or provincial activities, distinguished or notable professional achievements or service that reflects a high standard of excellence in their field; publications, research or creative work; and previous awards and recognition. A bio and CV should be attached to the letter.

Deliberations of the committee are confidential, and the nominee must never know if they are being recommended for an honorary degree. This ensures that there is no embarrassment on both sides in the event the committee does not select the nominee, providing a secure and respectful process for all involved.

You may send nomination packages to the care of the Associate University Secretary, Office of the University Secretary, Room A138, Michael Williams Building. Please contact Ada Saab, Associate University Secretary, at 721-8104 or [aus@uvic.ca](mailto:aus@uvic.ca) [if you require further information](#).

On behalf of the committee, we look forward to your nomination packages and will be very grateful for your input.