



<b>Honorary Degrees</b>	
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## PURPOSE

To govern the awarding of Honorary Degrees at Red Deer Polytechnic.

## SCOPE

This policy applies to all nominations for and conferring of Honorary Degrees at Red Deer Polytechnic.

## POLICY

The Board of Governors of Red Deer Polytechnic is empowered to grant Honorary Degrees, as set out in the *Post-Secondary Learning Act*, on the recommendation of the President. Through the granting of an Honorary Degree, Red Deer Polytechnic acknowledges individuals whose contributions to society merit the institution's greatest distinction. This is for the purpose of including them within the Red Deer Polytechnic alumni community so as to showcase and celebrate relevant role models for our students and the citizens of our region.

### **Eligibility**

1. Honorary Degrees are intended to celebrate individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the advancement of social, cultural, or economic development that have had an important impact on Red Deer Polytechnic, the Central Alberta Region, provincially, nationally and/or internationally.
2. Recommended nominees must meet one or more of the criteria listed below. The individual has:
  - a. Exhibited outstanding leadership, innovation, and/or collaboration in achieving their accomplishments;
  - b. Made a significant contribution to the institution, post-secondary education, the community, or society in general;
  - c. Achieved noted accomplishments in a particular field of study or applied learning;
  - d. Enhanced or promoted the institution's image and reputation in Alberta and elsewhere; and/or

- e. Achieved a significant and positive reputation so that their connection to the Polytechnic through this award will enhance the reputation of the institution and serve as an example to its students and alumni.
3. An association with Red Deer Polytechnic is highly desirable but not required. If there is not a direct association with Red Deer Polytechnic, nominators should demonstrably connect the relevance and/or importance that the award recipient would exemplify as a role model for students, alumni, employees, and the citizens of our region.
4. Current members of the Board of Governors of Red Deer Polytechnic and current members of the academic and non-academic staff of Red Deer Polytechnic are ineligible for an Honorary Degree.
5. Former Red Deer College or Red Deer Polytechnic Presidents are ineligible for an Honorary Degree.
6. Political figures who currently hold office are ineligible for an Honorary Degree.

***Conferment***

1. Honorary Degrees are awarded at the annual convocation ceremony.

***Revocation***

1. The Board of Governors of Red Deer Polytechnic may, on the recommendation of the President, revoke the Honorary Degree of a recipient whose conduct is deemed to create a significant risk to the reputation of the Polytechnic.