



## **University of Ottawa Alumni Association Awards of Excellence**

### **Introduction**

The University of Ottawa Alumni Association encourages and supports the tremendous achievements of its members with the annual presentation of the Alumni Association Awards of Excellence. Established in 2011, these awards aim to recognize the inspiring talent, effort and influence of the University's graduates—locally and worldwide.

The accomplishments of University of Ottawa alumni around the world bring credit and recognition to their alma mater. In return, the Alumni Association Awards of Excellence Program seeks to identify and recognize alumni for their achievements.

An Awards Selection Committee carefully reviews all nominations for these prestigious awards. In keeping with the nature of these awards and the caliber of people that they honour, a special night is set aside each year to bring together university supporters in celebration of our alumni's achievements. Each receives an elegant keepsake, and the name of the recipient names listed permanently in a place of honour.

Alumni Awards may be presented annually by the University of Ottawa Alumni Association in the following categories:

#### ***1. Meritas-Tabaret Award for Alumni Achievement***

Established in 1991, the Association's oldest and its highest honour. This award salutes the inspiring talent, effort and influence of the University's graduates—locally and worldwide. Past winners include television personality Alex Trebek, pianist Angela Hewitt, businessman Paul Tellier and journalist Lisa LaFlamme.

Nominees must have distinguished themselves through excellence and achievement in their professional field throughout their career; have demonstrated leadership in their profession; have made a positive contribution to the prestige, influence and reputation of the University of Ottawa; and have and continue to exercise a strong positive influence in the community.

#### ***2. Alumnus/Alumna of the Year***

The Alumnus/Alumna of the Year Award recognizes the outstanding achievement of one of our alumni members within the last year. Consideration will be given to alumni having won honours in their field, or who have been recognized by national or international praise.

#### ***3. Commitment to the University***

This award recognizes an extraordinary alumnus/alumna who has set a high standard for volunteerism at and/or philanthropy to the University. Specifically, this award recognizes and pays tribute to those individuals who have made significant contributions to the advancement of uOttawa through their dedication, generosity and commitment to the values of the University.

#### ***4. Young Alumni Award***

The Young Alumni Award recognizes significant contributions by an individual in his or her field of endeavor, whether through professional achievement or community service. The recipient is aged 40 or under and sets an inspirational example for future young alumni.



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## 5. *Community Service*

Presented jointly with the Centre for Global and Community Engagement, this award pays tribute to alumni who have made outstanding volunteer contributions within their own community. They have enriched the lives of others through their generous gifts of time and talent and through their involvement with civic, charitable and social causes.

## 6. *Honorary Member of the Alumni Association*

This award celebrates a person who is not a graduate of the University, but whose actions and dedication have affected the uOttawa experience. The award recognizes friends of uOttawa for outstanding personal service, commitment and contribution, past or present, to the University.

*Please note that awards are not necessarily presented in all categories each year.*

### **Eligibility**

- With the exception of the Honorary Member of the Alumni Association, award, nominees must be University of Ottawa graduates.
- Graduates of diploma and certificate programs are also eligible.
- Posthumous nominations are not accepted.
- Nominations for sitting politicians are not accepted. Recipients of University of Ottawa honorary degrees are not eligible unless they also hold a degree obtained through academic studies.
- Current members of the Alumni Association Board of Directors or the uOttawa Board of Governors are not eligible.

### **Selection Process**

The University of Ottawa Alumni Association secretariat administers the Alumni Association Awards of Excellence. Announcements inviting nominations are communicated electronically to all alumni reachable by e-mail and via the Association's Web site at [alumni.uottawa.ca/en/association](http://alumni.uottawa.ca/en/association).

Selection is based on the nominee's accomplishments, as highlighted in the nomination package. The Board strives for diversity among the award recipients. The letters of support, biography, and list of accomplishments should clearly make the link between the nominee and the award for which the candidate is being considered.

A selection committee appointed by the Alumni Association Board of Directors reviews all nominations and makes recommendations to the Board of the Alumni Association for approval. The selection committee includes:

- The chair of the Alumni Association's award committee (as chair);
- One additional member recommended by the awards committee;
- One other alumni member, if possible a past recipient of one of the awards;
- The vice-president, External Relations, or his or her designate;
- One member of the University community (as recommended by the Vice-President, External Relations, or his or her designate).
- The Executive Director of the Alumni Association or his or her designate, as a non-voting member;

### **Important**

- It is recommended that the nominee be advised and be given the opportunity to assist with the nomination package.
- Nominations are kept on file and are eligible for consideration for three years.

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Nominators are welcome to update the nominee's dossier each year should they wish.

- Recipients are expected to attend the awards dinner to accept their prize. In certain cases where absence is unavoidable, a designate may be sent in place of the recipient.
- Successful nominees agree to participate in publicity efforts surrounding the awards, which may include a videotaped interview, a photo shoot and interviews for alumni publications and news media.

**Deadline for receipt of 2012 nominations is March 23, 2012.**



## Nomination form

Please print this form and send it with your submission. If you are unsure about portions of the nominee's information, please contact the Alumni Association secretariat and we will do our best to assist you with the submission.

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| Name of nominee                          |  |
| Degree and year of graduation (if known) |  |
| Address                                  |  |
| Telephone                                |  |
| Email                                    |  |

### For the following award(s):

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|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meritas Tabaret              | <input type="checkbox"/> Young Alumni Award                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alumnus/Alumna of the Year   | <input type="checkbox"/> Award for Community Service               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commitment to the University | <input type="checkbox"/> Honorary Member of the Alumni Association |

### Nominated by:

|                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Name                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Address                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Telephone                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Email:                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Nominator is one or more of the following:<br>(please select all that apply) | <input type="checkbox"/> Professor<br><input type="checkbox"/> Staff member<br><input type="checkbox"/> Alumnus/alumna<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

### Nominations must include at a minimum:

- a summary biography, CV or resumé (**maximum two pages**)
- a description of the candidate's accomplishments, successes and contributions pertaining to community service (**250 words or less**)

### In addition to this cover page, the nomination package may contain:

- up to three letters of support
- any other supporting documentation that may assist the Selection Committee (list of positions held, national or international recognition, news articles, photographs, summary of publications, membership in professional or honorary societies) (**maximum of five pages**).

### Questions, nominations and supporting materials may be submitted to:

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