



## **THE WORLD INDIGENOUS NATIONS UNIVERSITY (WINU)**

### **2021 HONORARY DOCTORATES**

**DUE: February 15, 2021**

In the spirit of Hope and a Vision for a Better Future to come, the WINU Executive Committee, in conjunction with the WINHEC Executive Co-Chairs, invite nominations for the **2021 WINU Honorary Doctorates**. And in furtherance of the principles and intent of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the WINU Executive Committee call upon WINU and WINHEC Member Countries and their Indigenous education support networks to nominate eligible and meritorious individuals for the 2021 WINU Honorary Doctorates that are described here.

#### **WINU Honorary Doctorates**

The WINU Executive Committee are pleased to announce the '**2021 CALL for WINU Honorary Doctorates**' that advances WINU's Objectives and Goals stated in the WINU Constitution, including to:

1. [Objective 1]: Provide an international forum to support Indigenous peoples to pursue common objectives and goals through education and as a result confer academic honours as recognition of such academic pursuit.
2. [Goal 11 (c) and (d)]: Confer higher degree academic awards on Indigenous scholars and students on the completion of the appropriate examination or assessment procedures and / or on the recommendation of regional committees and on the approval of the Chancellor in the following categories:
  - Meritorious honorary doctorates through lifelong academic endeavours for the benefit of their own Indigenous communities; and
  - Meritorious honorary Doctorates to Indigenous Elders (Knowledge Holders) of member countries in recognition of their long standing contributions to Indigenous scholarship.

#### **Categories of 2021 WINU Honorary Doctorates:**

There are two (2) categories:

- A. Honorary Doctorate to Indigenous Educators or Indigenous-serving Educators – EdD (Doctor of Education), and
- B. Honorary Doctorate to Indigenous Elders/Knowledge Holders – EdD (Doctor of Education for Indigenous Knowledge & Development).

These WINU Honorary Doctorates are recognitions of honour and to celebrate outstanding individuals who have made exceptional contributions to Indigenous community/ies; and to national and/or international levels to the advancement of higher education for Indigenous peoples, communities, and nations.

Those nominated for these prestigious credentials are considered worthy individuals for their many years (30 years or more) of service, to the protection, preservation, and progression of Indigenous education at the community, local, national and/or international level.

Nomination forms should be submitted separately to the WINU Honorary Doctorate Review Committee, for the two categories of honours

### **WINU Honorary Doctorate Regulations**

The conferral of WINU Honorary Doctorate are confirmed in the WINU CONSTITUTION, Objective 1; and Goal 11(c) and (d).

WINU will confer, upon the recommendation of the WINU Honorary Doctorates Review Committee, and through the approval of the WINU Executive Committee, the WINU Honorary Doctorates, as described below:

- (a) **Honorary Doctorate to Indigenous Educators or Indigenous-serving Educators** who have served distinguished academic careers exemplary in scholarship, research, and/or teaching beneficial to and inspiration for higher educational aspiration, achievement and attainment for Indigenous peoples and communities at the local, national and/or international level.
- (b) **Honorary Doctorate to Indigenous Elders/Knowledge Holders** who are members of WINHEC and/or WINU affiliated institutions, communities, and countries, who are known and respected by their Indigenous communities to be deep reservoirs of ancestral knowledge and wisdom, and who build bridges for our Indigenous youth and communities, firmly grounded in cultural ways and teachings, while navigating safely through contemporary life and challenges.

### **WINU Honorary Doctorate Process**

To make all applications comparable, the following information is required:

#### **A. Honorary Doctorate to Indigenous Educators or Indigenous-serving Educators – Doctor of Education (EdD) for Indigenous Education**

It is recommended that the candidate be:

- ✓ Male or female, at least 50 years of age or older;
- ✓ Has served as an outstanding educator for over 30 years locally, nationally or internationally;

- ✓ Has served as a leader of an education institution both nationally and internationally;
- ✓ Has been influential nationally and internationally regarding Indigenous education;
- ✓ Is well supported by their own community; and
- ✓ Supported (in writing) by at least three community members.

**B. Honorary Doctorate to Indigenous Elders/Knowledge Holders – Doctor of Education (EdD) for Indigenous Knowledge and Development**

It is accepted that Indigenous Elders are those considered as such by their community, age 50 or older, and are recognized as a keeper/holder/carrier of traditional knowledge, despite their age or gender (male or female).

It is recommended that the candidate be:

- ✓ recognised by his/her community as a keeper/holder/carrier of Indigenous knowledge, and has freely shared this knowledge with the community, and has helped to interpret this knowledge into everyday usage to the Indigenous community, in particular;
- ✓ is acknowledged and admired by his/her own people, and many of the young and old have sought their advice on Indigenous matters;
- ✓ may or may not have been recognised by local universities as a keeper/holder/carrier of Indigenous knowledge; and
- ✓ confirmed by their local Indigenous community / peoples as being held in high regard and respect.

**CONFIRMED TIMELINE FOR NOMINATIONS AND NOTIFICATION TO APPROVED RECIPIENTS:-**

All nominations for the 2021 WINU Honorary Doctorate degrees will be processed in accordance to the following timeline:

- a. **February 15, 2021.** Nominations submitted to WINU by Member Country/Nation/ State representatives by email to [peter@winuhp.com](mailto:peter@winuhp.com)
- b. **March 31, 2021.** Recipients confirmed / notified by the WINU Honorary Doctorate Review Committee for recommendation to the WINU Executive Board.
- c. **July 5, 2021 – July 9, 2021.** Awards Conferral held during the 2021 WINHEC/WINU Annual General Meeting, scheduled for Blue Quills University, St. Paul, Alberta, Canada. More information to follow.

**NOTE:** If an Awardee is not able to attend in person, arrangements can be made for In-Country Honorary Doctorate Award Ceremony.

**Thank you for your support of this very important and worthy recognition.**

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**OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM**  
**THE WORLD INDIGENOUS NATIONS UNIVERSITY (WINU)**  
**2021 HONORARY DOCTORATES**  
**Nominations DEADLINE: February 15, 2021**

**Section I:**

**Nominee:** Please complete the following details for the person being nominated.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, nominate the following person as a candidate for one of the WINU Honorary Doctorates, as indicated in Section II, below:

Nominee	Information Details
Surname/Family Name:	
First or Given Name, including preferred name:	
Current Title or Position:	
Cultural Status (Traditional Owner; Elder, mentor, practitioner, etc.)	
Email:	
Mailing Address (Home), include street or PO Box, city, State or Province, Country & Postal Code	
Optional Working Address, include street or PO Box, city, State or Province, Country & Postal Code	
Please provide one of the following numbers (Cell/Mobile, Work or Home)	
Citizenship / Country:	

Tribal/Clan or other Indigenous Affiliation:	
Current Appointments / Honours held:	
Academic, Professional, Trade, or Other Qualifications held: {Eg. BA (1966), PhD (1997), FRCS (1999), ACA (2001), Registered Nurse, Trade Certificate, Lawyer LLB (1970), etc.}	
Occupation:	

## Section II:

Please read the descriptions of the WINU Honorary Doctorates listed below, and select which award you are proposing for consideration for your nominee (Please check A or B).

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- A. Honorary Doctorate to Indigenous Educator or Indigenous-serving Educator – Doctor of Education (EdD) for Indigenous Education**
- B. Honorary Doctorate to Indigenous Elders/Knowledge Holders – Doctor of Education (EdD) for Indigenous Knowledge and Development**

Please read and adhere to the guidelines provided for the recognition being conferred, as you prepare the support documentation for your Nominee:

### 1. Basis for Recognition.

Please provide a **biographical statement** of the services, accomplishments or other impact for which the Nominee merits recognition. Your statement should include details of any relevant positions held and dates of service. If the services are voluntary, this fact should be duly noted. Please submit, along with this nomination form, copies of supporting documents, testimonials, and references that attest to the depth and breadth of the Nominee's contributions to their community and/or Nation. These support documents should describe the Depth and Breadth of the nominee's experiences, life's work, and impact and scholarship that they have brought to their community and/or Nation. There are many ways that this impact and scholarship can be described. Tell us about how this educator/elder made a difference in their community/Nation. Also, tell us about how your community/ Nation is better because of their service, sacrifice and scholarship.

If the nomination is successful, information from this section may be used in association with the announcement of any honour conferred.

## 2. Letters of Support.

Letters of support are welcomed and may be helpful if the nominee is not well known outside of their community and/or Nation. Please list names of three (3) references and their WINHEC/WINU aligned organisations supporting this nomination. All letters of support must be emailed to WINU Honorary Doctorates Review Committee care of Dr Peter Hanohano at [peter@winuhp.com](mailto:peter@winuhp.com)

Name of Reference	Organization

### Section III: Details of Individual(s) making this Nomination

Please complete the following details so that you may be contacted as necessary.

	Background Information of Nominator or Nominating Committee
Name (first & last)	
Mailing Address (Home), include street or PO Box, city, State or Province, Country & Postal Code	
Telephone contact	
Email contact	
Relationship to Nominee (Eg. Family member, colleague, employer, etc.)	
Name of nominating committee/organization	
Nominating Country's representative organization	
Print Nominator's Name	
Signature & Date	

Please email the completed form and any attachments electronically to, Dr Peter Hanohano, at: [peter@winuhp.com](mailto:peter@winuhp.com) by: **February 15, 2021.**

#### For WINU Honorary Doctorates Review Committee Use Only:

Nomination received: Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Acknowledged: Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Forward to WINU Executive Committee for Approval purposes: Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Forward to WINHEC Executive Board for information purposes only: Date: \_\_\_\_\_