

Student Leadership Awards



Ontario Tech Student Leadership Awards 2024-2025 Nominator's Guide

The 2024-2025 Student Leadership Awards celebrate the outstanding contributions of Ontario Tech students and align with the university's institutional priorities. These awards highlight the vision, mission and values of Ontario Tech while recognizing students as engaged citizen leaders with entrepreneurial mindsets who inspire, lead and make a lasting impact.

The awards not only honour exceptional achievements but also showcase students' contributions toward advancing Ontario Tech's strategic priorities:

- **Creating a sticky campus:** Fostering inclusive, student- and community-centric engagement.
- **Learning re-imagined:** Contributing to dynamic, flexible learning experiences and advancing knowledge.
- **Partnerships:** Driving innovative solutions through purposeful collaboration with industry, community, government and academic partners.
- **Tech with a conscience:** Innovating to improve lives and the planet through ethical technology use.

The President's Awards represent the highest honour, awarded to one undergraduate and one graduate student. These recipients exemplify excellence across all four categories, embodying the university's values—integrity, inclusion, intellectual resilience and innovation—and setting a standard of leadership for the university and beyond.

Before you begin a nomination

To ensure a successful nomination process, please follow these guidelines:

Confirm eligibility

Ensure the student you wish to nominate meets the eligibility criteria for the selected award (see eligibility details below).

Gather required information

Collect the following details about the nominee:

- Full Name (first and last)
- Student ID
- Ontario Tech email address (@ontariotechu.net)
- Faculty and program
- Expected graduation date
- Level of studies at the time of nomination:
 - Undergraduate
 - Graduate (Master's or PhD)

Prepare a strong nomination

Review the award description and criteria to craft a nomination that highlights how the student has demonstrated the qualities outlined in the award criteria.

Optional letters of support

Letters of support are welcome, but optional. If someone else would like to support the same nomination, you may attach their letter (maximum one page) in your nomination package.

Important notes

- **Who can nominate:** Current faculty, staff and students of Ontario Tech University may nominate one or more eligible students for these awards.
- **Multiple nominations:** Nominators are encouraged to submit nominations for multiple students and across different award categories.

Your thoughtful nomination contributes to celebrating student leadership and showcasing the incredible impact Ontario Tech students make within the university and beyond.

Register and nominate using Judgify

Step one: Start your nomination

1. Visit the [Student Leadership Awards and Recognition website](#).
2. Browse the list of awards and select the award you wish to nominate for. You will be redirected to the Judgify platform.

Step two: Register or log in to Judgify

- New users: Register for a free account at [Judgify registration](#).
 - Provide your name, email and country of residence.
 - Select **submit** to create your account (**Please note:** You only need to register once).
- Returning users: Log in with your credentials.

Once logged in, you will be directed to the nomination form for the selected award.

Completing the nomination form

1. Required fields:

- Fill in all required fields, including the nominee's name, student number, and email address.
- Ensure the information is accurate.

2. Nomination details:

- Write a nomination that is 500 to 750 words to showcase how the nominee meets the award criteria effectively.
- **Do not** use the nominee's name in the narrative; instead, use pronouns (e.g., he, she, they) to ensure an unbiased selection process.
- Provide specific examples and details that highlight how the nominee demonstrates the qualities of the award.

3. Saving progress:

- If you cannot complete the form in one session, select **save as draft** to save your progress.

- Saved drafts can be accessed from your Judgify profile by selecting **complete submission** to finish and submit.

4. Submit the nomination:

- When the form is complete, select **submit**.
- After submission, you will be directed to the submission page where you can view all completed nominations.

To submit another nomination, return to the Student Leadership Awards and Recognition website and repeat the process.

Award Descriptions and Criteria

Tech with a conscience award		
Award eligibility	Award description	Award criteria
<p>Undergraduate students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.7 to be considered for an award.</p> <p>Graduate students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 to be considered for an award.</p>	<p>The Tech with a conscience award recognizes students who embody Ontario Tech’s commitment to improving lives and the planet through ethical technology. This award honours those who integrate fairness, critical thinking, and a positive social impact into their academic and community work. Recipients of this award demonstrate a commitment to ethical technology practices, considering social and environmental implications while applying technology to address real-world challenges and promote well-being on campus and beyond.</p>	<p>The Tech with a conscience award celebrates students who integrate ethical technology practices into their academic and community activities, with a focus on fairness, critical thinking, and the positive impact of their work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates a commitment to ethical tech use, ensuring fairness, equity, and inclusion in projects or research involving technology. • Demonstrates innovative solutions in identifying problems or processes. • How have they applied their creative perspective to inspire, shape, or develop ideas that address these challenges in new and impactful ways. • Shows awareness of the social and environmental implications of technology, actively considering its broader impact. • Applies technology to enhance or solve real-world challenges on campus or in the community, promoting well-being for individuals or the planet. • Exemplifies critical thinking and a conscientious approach in their academic and extracurricular technology-related initiatives.
Sticky campus award		
Award eligibility	Award description	Award criteria
<p>Undergraduate students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.7 to be considered for an award.</p>	<p>The Sticky campus award recognizes students who are dedicated to building an inclusive and connected campus community. This award honours individuals who lead with empathy and inclusivity, creating welcoming spaces where all students feel valued. Recipients</p>	<p>The Sticky campus award honours students who create a welcoming, inclusive campus environment and build strong, positive connections among peers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leads inclusively, fostering a supportive and respectful environment for all students.

<p>Graduate students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 to be considered for an award.</p>	<p>foster a sense of belonging by actively engaging in or organizing initiatives that promote equity, respect, and meaningful relationships, making a lasting, positive impact on the Ontario Tech campus culture.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates a commitment to equity and diversity, ensuring all voices are heard and valued in campus activities. • Actively builds a sense of belonging, contributing to community-building initiatives that enhance campus life. • Positively impacts peers by organizing or supporting programs that connect students and create lasting, meaningful relationships.
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Learning re-imagined award

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<p>Undergraduate students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.7 to be considered for an award.</p> <p>Graduate students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 to be considered for an award.</p>	<p>The Learning re-imagined award celebrates students who drive their own educational journeys with innovation and initiative, embracing diverse, and hands-on learning experiences. Recipients of this award pursue growth beyond the classroom, actively engaging in projects, fieldwork, or research that supports their academic and career goals. These students demonstrate a commitment to personal development through both online and in-person opportunities, seeking out or creating learning pathways that foster meaningful advancement and reflect a passion for lifelong learning.</p>	<p>The Learning re-imagined award acknowledges students who engage in innovative learning experiences, advocating for diverse educational pathways and meaningful personal growth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actively pursues learning experiences beyond the classroom, including hands-on projects, fieldwork, or research. • Engages in both online and in-person activities that support a comprehensive educational experience and reflect a commitment to self-improvement. • Demonstrates initiative in creating or seeking out learning pathways that align with personal and professional goals. • Promotes and participates in experiential learning or entrepreneurship activities that broaden their academic and career perspectives.

Partnerships award

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<p>Undergraduate students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.7 to be considered for an award.</p>	<p>The Partnerships Award celebrates students who contribute to impactful collaborations with community, industry, or academic partners. Honouring those who engage in partnerships that address</p>	<p>The Partnerships Award recognizes students who contribute meaningfully to university partnerships, helping to address significant challenges through collaboration and applied learning.</p>

<p>Graduate students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 to be considered for an award.</p>	<p>real-world challenges, this award recognizes students who bring innovative ideas, leadership, and a commitment to global responsibility to these projects. Recipients professionally represent Ontario Tech, actively participating in collaborative efforts that promote personal growth, solve complex problems, and reinforce the university’s mission for positive societal impact.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professionally represents Ontario Tech in partnerships with external organizations or communities. • Actively engages in partnerships initiated by the university, enhancing both their personal growth and Ontario Tech’s reputation. • Shows leadership in collaborative projects, contributing innovative ideas that help solve complex problems or improve well-being. • Demonstrates a commitment to sustainable practices and global responsibility in partnership activities, reflecting the university’s mission for positive societal impact.
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President’s award of excellence in student leadership

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<p>Undergraduate students Must be in their final year of study at the time of nomination Must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.7 to be considered for an award</p> <p>Graduate students Can be in any year of student at the graduate level Must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 to be considered for an award</p>	<p>The President’s award of excellence in student leadership is Ontario Tech University’s highest honour, presented annually to two graduating students—one undergraduate or professional student and one graduate student—who demonstrate outstanding leadership across all four award categories: Tech with a Conscience, Learning Re-imagined, Creating a Sticky Campus, and Partnerships.</p> <p>Recipients of this prestigious award exemplify the university’s mission to prepare future leaders who solve complex problems and reflect the core values of integrity, inclusion, intellectual resilience, and innovation. These students set a standard of excellence through their holistic contributions, embodying the spirit of Ontario Tech’s vision while creating a lasting impact within the university and beyond.</p>	<p>The President’s award of excellence in student leadership recognizes undergraduate and graduate students who demonstrate outstanding leadership across all four award categories:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tech with a conscience: Innovating to improve lives and the planet through ethical use and development of technology. 2. Learning re-imagined: Advancing dynamic, flexible learning experiences and contributing to knowledge creation. 3. Creating a sticky campus: Fostering inclusive, student- and community-centric engagement opportunities. 4. Partnerships: Driving innovative solutions through meaningful collaboration with industry, community, government, and

		<p>academic partners.</p> <p>Recipients embody Ontario Tech University's vision of <i>embracing technology with a conscience to advance knowledge and promote sustainability</i> and its mission to <i>equip future leaders to solve complex problems</i>.</p> <p>In addition to their holistic contributions across all categories, awardees reflect the university's core values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Integrity: Demonstrating equity, fairness, and ethics in all pursuits.● Inclusion: Fostering a community of belonging, valuing diversity, and eradicating discrimination and hate.● Intellectual Resilience: Excelling through respectful engagement with diverse perspectives and constructive problem-solving.● Innovation: Inspiring transformative ideas through curiosity, creativity, and growth. <p>These students set a standard of excellence, making a lasting impact within Ontario Tech and the broader community. They exemplify the spirit of leadership that drives the university forward as a leader in higher education and a catalyst for change.</p>
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