

Student Leadership Awards of Recognition

Guiding questions for nominating a student

To nominate a student for an award, you must complete the online form found on the [Student Leadership Awards of Recognition web page \(ontariotechu.ca/leadershipawards\)](https://ontariotechu.ca/leadershipawards).

Please note: Eligible nominators include other Ontario Tech students, faculty and staff. **Outside nominations and self-nominations will not be considered.**

There are **two categories** of awards, presented to different undergraduate, professional and graduate students:

- President's Award of Excellence in Student Leadership (two)
- Student Leadership Awards (four)

Student Nominee Information

Each nomination must include the following as it pertains to the nominee:

- First and last name
- Student number
- Faculty of study
- Level of studies (at time of nomination)
 - Undergraduate
 - Graduate (Masters)
 - Graduate (PhD)
 - Professional
- Student (ontariotechu.net) email address
- Is the nominee graduating in June 2024? (please confirm with student if they are on track to graduate by spring 2024)

Categories of Awards

[President's Award of Excellence in Student Leadership](#)

To nominate a student, you must fill out all four subsections of the form under the President's Award category, including information in regards to:

- Accountability (Ethics)
- Community Building
- Innovation
- Respect

If your nominee does not score as one of the top three candidates, they will be considered in one or more of the four award categories for a Student Leadership Award.

Student Leadership Awards

A Student Leadership Award acknowledges and celebrates students who demonstrate exemplary leadership practices that align with the university's values.

Please note: Nominations cannot be based on—and/or include reference to—experiences for which the student received academic credit.

Student Leadership Award nominees can be nominated for one or more of the following four options:

Accountability (Ethics) Award

Describe why your nominee should be considered for the Accountability (Ethics) Award; a maximum of 500 words is allowed.

To help get you started, here are some questions to consider answering:

- Based on what you have described, how has the nominee's behaviour affected their peers and the wider Ontario Tech community?
- How has your nominee demonstrated dependability and accepted personal accountability in their leadership?
- When and how have they incorporated ethical reasoning into their actions that work to uphold transparent practices?

Community Building Award

Describe why your nominee should be considered for the Community Building Award; a maximum of 500 words is allowed.

To help get you started, here are some questions to consider answering:

- How has your nominee developed or assisted in the development of stronger relationships within and/or between departments inside our university community?
- In what ways has your nominee served as an inspiration and role model for other Ontario Tech students?
- What are some ways your nominee has contributed to community building at Ontario Tech?

Innovation Award

Describe why your nominee should be considered for the Innovation Award; a maximum of 500 words is allowed.

To help you get started, here are some questions to consider answering:

- How has your nominee developed and implemented, or helped to develop and implement, innovative solutions to identify problems or processes?
- How has your nominee integrated their creative perspective to build upon, inspire, shape, and/or produce inventive ideas that have surpassed expectations?
- How has your nominee's innovative leadership practice influenced their peers and the wider Ontario Tech community?
- In what ways has your nominee integrated a creative element into their leadership practice?

Respect Award

Describe why your nominee should be considered for the Respect Award; a maximum of 500 words is allowed.

To help get you started, here are some questions to consider answering:

- How has your nominee demonstrated respect and influenced equitable practices at Ontario Tech?
- How has your nominee's behaviour affected their peers and the wider Ontario Tech community?
- What are some examples where your nominee has respectfully acknowledged or appreciated others, and encouraged others to do the same?

Add letters of support

Letters of support are optional. If you know someone else that would like to nominate the same student, attach a letter of support. Please limit each letter of support to one page.

For more information or if you have any questions, contact engagement@ontariotechu.ca.