



**University
of Victoria**

Terms of Reference and Criteria for the Selection of the Chancellor

The Chancellor is the titular head of the university and the chair of its convocation. In addition to conferring degrees and performing other ceremonial functions, the Chancellor serves as a member of the Board of Governors and the Senate. The Chancellor serves *ex officio* on the Board's Executive and Governance Committee, Finance Committee and Operations and Facilities Committee and traditionally chairs the Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees. The Chancellor is an ambassador for and a champion of the university.

In order to be considered for the position of Chancellor, a person shall:

- have a record of outstanding achievement in their field
- have stature within the university and the external community
- be universally respected
- have the time, qualifications, characteristics and capacity necessary to fulfill the Chancellor's duties at Convocation, as a member of the Board and Senate, and in other university and community settings
- exhibit tact, diplomacy, good judgment, grace and integrity
- reflect and be capable of promoting the mission and values of the university
- understand and act in accordance with the ceremonial aspects of the role
- understand the importance of fundraising for the institution and be capable of facilitating it, as appropriate
- be readily accessible to the university

Consideration will be given to the strength of a potential candidate's connection to the university and the region.

The *University Act* (s. 11) states that a Chancellor must not be employed by a university*. With respect to term, the Act provides that:

1. The chancellor holds office for three years and after that until a successor is appointed.
2. A retiring chancellor is eligible for reappointment.
3. A chancellor may not hold office for more than six years in addition to the period of office held by the person as a result of having been appointed for the unexpired term of the person's predecessor.

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* The *University Act* (s.23) states that the following are not eligible to be members of the Board of Governors:

- a member of the Parliament of Canada;
- a member of the Executive Council or of the Legislative Assembly;
- a member of the public service in the ministry;
- a member of the public service designated by the minister.

Given that the Chancellor is a member of the Board of Governors, the above are ineligible for appointment as Chancellor.