

To: Members of Senate, Student Senate Caucus

From: Senate Honours and Awards Committee

Subject: Call for Nominations – 2026 Walter Vaughan Medal – Deadline May 1, 2026

Date: March 9, 2026

The Senate Honours and Awards Committee invites nominations for the 2026 Walter Vaughan Medal, to be announced at the summer 2026 convocation celebration.

The Walter Vaughan Medal was established in memory of the late Walter N. Vaughan who was Secretary of Senate for a number of years at the University of Guelph. He was a man committed to student involvement in university governance and worked diligently to support the student caucus. The terms of the award are as follows:

The medal will be given to a student Senator who has high academic standing and has made significant contributions to the activities of Senate. While contributions to student life and the University may also be considered as part of the nomination, consideration of a nominee's impact through involvement in Senate activities will be paramount.

Members of Senate are encouraged to consider nominating a student Senator for this award. While self-nominations are permitted, the Committee places particular weight on nominations from fellow Senators.

Commitment to Indigenization, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Accessibility (IEDIA)

The University of Guelph recognizes that an inclusive campus and a culture of inclusion are institutional and social imperatives. A culture of inclusion necessitates the involvement of stakeholders with a wide array of lived experiences, identities and perspectives on the Board of Governors and Senate to support, oversee and drive a strategic and system-wide approach to IEDIA.

The University is committed to fostering a culture of inclusion and to designing, reviewing, and rebuilding structures – including policies, programs, and practices – that are inclusive, equitable, and accessible to all. In keeping with this commitment, nominations of qualified individuals from historically marginalized and underrepresented communities including those who identify as Black, Indigenous, or Persons of Colour; persons with a disability or who identify as differently abled; persons of all genders, and sexual orientations; and those with a demonstrable track record of confronting oppression and promoting belonging in their organizations and communities are strongly encouraged.

Questions and Submission of Nominations

The nomination form and award guidelines are available on the [University Secretariat website](#)¹.

For questions related to the nomination process or criteria, please contact Joanne Emeneau, Associate University Secretary (joanne.emeneau@exec.uoguelph.ca or Ext. 56758).

Nominations are to be submitted to the University Secretariat, univsec@uoguelph.ca, no later than **Friday, May 1, 2026**.

¹ <https://www.uoguelph.ca/secretariat/menu/university-honours-awards/walter-vaughan-medal>