



To: College Deans  
Associate Deans  
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From: Senate Honours and Awards Committee

Subject: **Call for Nominations – 2025 Winegard and Forster Medals**

Date: March 25, 2025

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The Senate Honours and Awards Committee invites nominations for the following University student awards to be announced at the summer 2025 convocation celebration.

While a College is not obliged to nominate a student for these medals, being nominated is an honour itself, and nominees will be listed in the convocation program. A list of eligible students for each medal will be provided to the Colleges from Student Financial Services<sup>1</sup> and the Office of Graduate Studies<sup>2</sup>.

### **W.C. Winegard Medal**

The Winegard Medal is the University of Guelph's top convocation award to an undergraduate student. Named for former University President Dr. William Winegard, the medal is awarded in recognition of both academic achievement and contributions to the University and community life.

The nomination form and award guidelines are available on the [University Secretariat website](#)<sup>3</sup>.

### **D.F. Forster Medals – Magisteriate and Doctoral**

The D.F. Forster Medals are the most prestigious graduate convocation awards at the University of Guelph. These medals are awarded annually to one convocating Master's student and one convocating Doctoral student who excel both academically and in extra-curricular activities. Named for the late Donald Forster, a former President of the University, the awards recognize academic achievement, motivation, leadership and citizenship.

The nomination form and award guidelines are available on the [University Secretariat website](#)<sup>4</sup>.

Nominations are to be submitted to the University Secretariat, [univsec@uoguelph.ca](mailto:univsec@uoguelph.ca), no later than **Friday, May 2, 2025**.

For questions related to the nomination process or criteria, please contact Joanne Emeneau, Associate University Secretary ([joanne.emeneau@exec.uoguelph.ca](mailto:joanne.emeneau@exec.uoguelph.ca) x56758).

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<sup>1</sup> The list will indicate eligible students who convoked in Fall 2024 and Winter 2025.

<sup>2</sup> College Awards Committees must be in close communication with departments to anticipate suitable June graduates.

<sup>3</sup> URL: <https://www.uoguelph.ca/secretariat/office-services/senate/university-awards-and-honours/wc-winegard-medal>

<sup>4</sup> URL: <https://www.uoguelph.ca/secretariat/office-services/senate/university-awards-and-honours/df-forster-medals-magisteriate-and-doctoral-1>