



Chris Austin Hadfield - nominated by the Engineering Institute of Canada for Honourary Fellowship

If there is one Canadian who is known across Canada and the world, it is without any doubt, Chris Hadfield.

Chris started his career in the Canadian Forces as a pilot. In 1992, he was chosen as one of four new Canadian astronauts, and three years after, he became the first Canadian to operate the Canadarm in orbit, and the only Canadian to ever board the Russian space station Mir. In 2001 on a space flight to the International Space Station, Chris became the first Canadian to walk in space.

In 2012 Chris Hadfield once more took off for the ISS, this time to work there for five months, and subsequently took over as Commander of the Station in the second part of the mission.

Chris is the recipient of many awards: the 1988 Liethen-Tittle Award (top pilot graduate of the USAF Test Pilot School), U.S. Navy Test Pilot of the Year (1991). He was made a Member of the Order of Ontario in 1996, and was inducted into Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame in 2005.

Tonight, the EIC is honoured to confer this most deserved accolade to an outstanding engineer for his exemplary dedication and outstanding contributions to the Canadian Space Program – and for bringing space back to earth and engaging Canadians across the country.

Ladies and Gentleman, and Madam President, as the recipient of the Honourary Fellowship please welcome Chris Hadfield.