



2015 Honorary Member Award – His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston

The Engineering Institute of Canada wishes to honour Governor General David Johnston, C.C., C.M.M., C.O.M., C.D., for his many services to engineers and the engineering profession in Canada.

David Johnston completed his university studies with distinction with AB from Harvard, 1963; LLB from Cambridge, 1965 and LLB from Queen's, 1966. His academic specializations are securities regulation, corporation law and communications law.

From 1979 to 1994, he was Principal and Vice-Chancellor of McGill University. During his tenure, his influence and contribution towards engineering resulted in:

- Creation of new academic units, centers, or institutes such as the Polymer McGill, Pulp and Paper Research Centre.
- New programs and changes to various disciplines of engineering to adapt with changes in technology and societal needs.
- Changes to McGill's infrastructure and widening of the scope of the Engineering Library by merging the Engineering and Physical Sciences Libraries.

In 1999, he took office as President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Waterloo. During his tenure he was responsible for:

- Recruiting leadership that moved Waterloo's already-strong Faculty of Engineering to the next level as a world-class school for engineering.
- The Faculty of Engineering went through a period of significant research intensification and major growth in student enrolment, faculty complement, space and infrastructure.
- Personally securing major private donations to advance the Faculty of Engineering's priorities.
- Actively supporting and facilitating the establishment of the Conrad Business, Entrepreneurship and Technology Centre at Waterloo, now uniquely positioned within the Faculty of Engineering.

David Johnston is the author/co-author of 20 books. He was the founding Chair of the National Roundtable on Environment and the Economy. He has chaired a number of Advisory Councils, Blue Ribbon Panels and Canadian institutes for advanced research on behalf of the Federal government.

Considering his significant contributions in support of Canadian engineers and the profession of engineering in Canada, the Engineering Institute of Canada and its Member Societies consider it an honour to name David Johnston an Honorary Member of the Institute.

Citation

For outstanding and distinctive service to engineering and the profession of engineering in Canada, the Engineering Institute of Canada recognizes His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston as Honorary Member.