UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

2017 Gordon Cressy Student Leadership Awards
Nomination Guidelines

The Gordon Cressy Student Leadership Awards recognize outstanding volunteer contributions made to the University and wider community.

Nomination Eligibility

To be eligible for a 2017 Cressy Award, students must:
- Be currently enrolled at the University of Toronto in their final year of study, or have completed their studies after June 2016.
- Never have received a Cressy Award previously during their academic career;
- Be in good academic standing with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.7 (B-) at the end of the previous academic session prior to the opening of the nomination period. Exceptions to this requirement may be granted only under extraordinary circumstances. Please contact your nomination coordinator for details (a full list of nomination coordinators is available at http://alumni.utoronto.ca/cressyawards).

- A nominee should have reached a minimum threshold of at least one year of volunteer leadership in the form of any one, or a combination, of the following:
  - Leadership on committees or influence on student or university affairs;
  - Improvement in the quality of life of students;
  - Contributions to the co-curricular experience;
  - Encouragement of fellow students to become involved in extra-curricular activities; and
  - Contribution to the sense of community at U of T.

Note: Volunteer leadership outside the University community will be considered, but only as a complement to contributions within the University community.

- Other points to consider when nominating a candidate:
  - Leadership and involvement in relation to academic achievement;
  - The value of the student's contribution, rather than the office or position held;
  - Contributions made as part of a paid position are not eligible.[1]

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[1] Although paid work should not be considered towards a student's leadership contributions, if a student has received a stipend (or honorarium) rather than a regular wage they may still be considered if the student went above and beyond what they were specifically compensated for. The amount of the stipend and whether it is an adequate reflection of the time, effort and leadership invested by the student will also be considered.

Nomination Procedure

- Any member of the university community may nominate a candidate (including staff, faculty members, alumni and students). Self-nominations are permitted but not recommended.

    ➢ Recipients are selected by local selection committees based in each faculty and college or by a central, University-wide selection committee
    - o Nominators are encouraged to submit nominations to the selection committee they feel is most appropriate relative to the students' affiliation and contributions.
    - o Candidates whose contributions have been to the university as a whole, or to more than one college or faculty, may be nominated to the University-wide Selection Committee
    - o Nominations should be submitted to the relevant selection committee via the appropriate nomination coordinators listed on the Cressy Awards website at www.alumni.utoronto.ca/cressyawards.
    - o Only one nomination may be submitted per candidate regardless of where a nomination is submitted.
    ➢ Nomination packages must be submitted to:
    - o Faculty, College, Campus, and Hart House nomination coordinators by **November 4th , 2016**
    - o The University-wide nomination coordinator by **November 25th, 2016**
    ➢ Late or incomplete nominations will not be considered.
    ➢ If you are unsure where to submit your nomination to, contact Aisalyn Templin at aisalyn.templin@utoronto.ca or 416-978-3329.

Nomination Package

- Each nomination package must consist of the following:
    ➢ An official 2017 Cressy Award nomination form completed in full;
    ➢ An unofficial transcript or academic record from ROSI indicating a minimum CGPA of 2.7 (B-) at the end of the previous academic session; and
    ➢ An up-to-date curriculum vitae or resume which should be two pages or less and specifically tailored to the Cressy Award application. The resume should enhance the reader's knowledge of, and validate experiences for which the student is being nominated.

- Nomination packages may be submitted either electronically or in print form.
    ➢ Electronic submissions should consist of a single pdf document with no additional attachments and be emailed to the relevant nomination coordinator. Print submissions should be printed only on one side of the page (for scanning purposes), stapled or clipped, and submitted in an envelope addressed to the relevant nomination coordinator.