



# TRENT UNIVERSITY CONVOCATION

# Convocation at Trent

- Ceremonies take place in the Tribute Communities Centre for Trent Durham GTA and on campus for Peterborough undergraduates and graduate students.
- This sub-committee will only deal with the Peterborough ceremonies.



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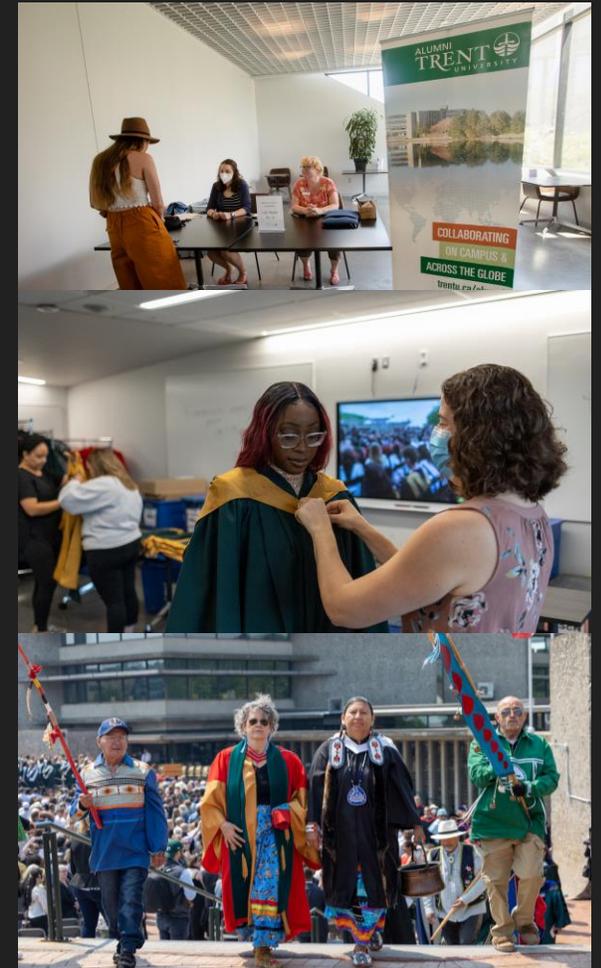
- Trent only holds one set of Convocation ceremonies in June of each year. Students that graduate in the fall, January and spring are encouraged to attend and will have their name in the program
  - Peterborough ceremonies: June 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11 and 12 at 10am and 2 pm each day
  - Durham ceremony: June 14 at 10am and 2pm
- Ceremonies are divided by program and similar programs are grouped as much as possible. Ceremonies must have less than 200 students to fit in the gym in case of inclement weather.
- The schedule and all information for you & your guests is on: [trentu.ca/convocation](http://trentu.ca/convocation)

# Before Convocation

- Apply to Graduate by **April 5, 2024**
  - ***If you don't apply, you don't graduate.*** The deadline is different for graduate students.
  - Better to apply early, then the RO can check to make sure you're on track to graduate
- If you have a joint major, you select which major you want to attend with.
- If you (or your family) would like photos, you can rent regalia through Conference Services to take some yourself, or have them taken at Miranda Studios (or by her on campus)
- Review the information on the Convocation website ([trentu.ca/convocation](https://trentu.ca/convocation))
- RSVP for Convocation is on the website – where you can request any accommodations and suggest a song to hear as the ceremonies end

# Convocation Day

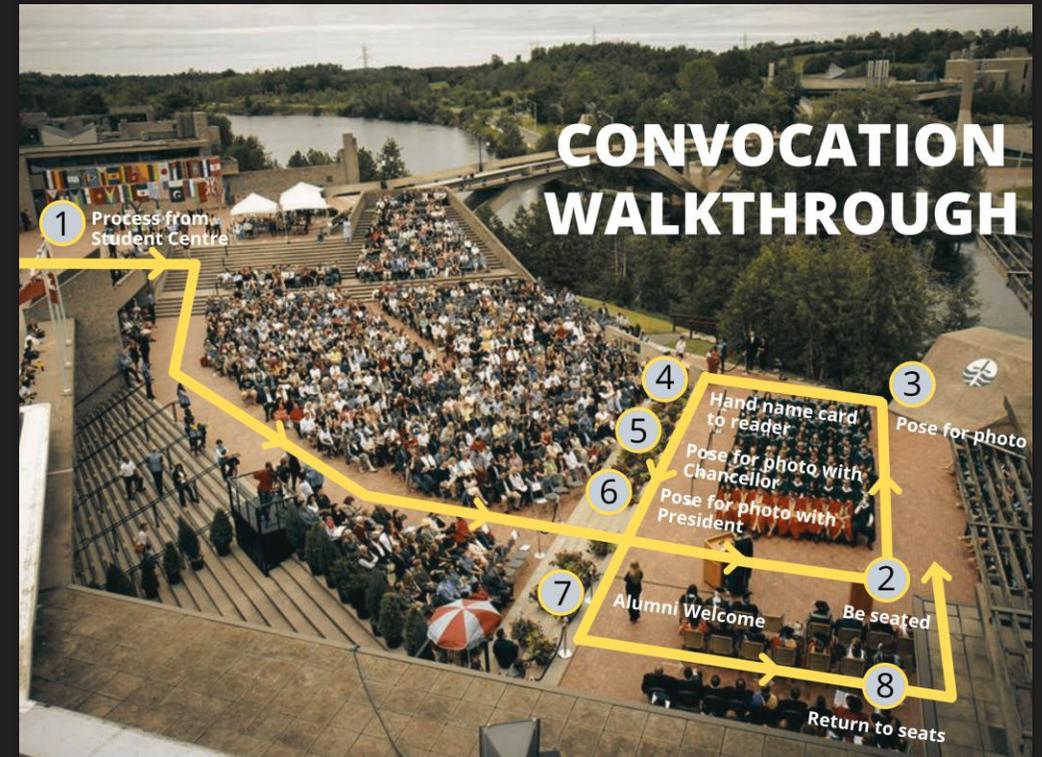
- Arrive at the Student Centre (TSC) **at least 1 hour before** your ceremony
- Check in and show your student card. You will receive a "reader card." This is how your name is read for you to cross the stage, so make sure you have provided the phonetical pronunciation.
- You will be provided with a Trent green gown and the hood that represents your degree - they must be returned after the ceremony.
- Line up in alphabetical order by degree on the second floor of the TSC. You will receive a reusable bottle of cold water (this can be brought to your ceremony and left on your seat when you cross the stage).
- The Student Procession is led by Indigenous representatives and a piper to the University Court (Bata Podium); followed by the Academic Procession with the President, Chancellor and faculty.



# Convocation Day

## ○ ORDER OF CEREMONIES

- Chancellor/President Welcome
- Honorary Degree Recipient presentation & address (not all ceremonies)
- Conferring of Degrees – this is where you walk across the stage
- Honour Song
- Dismissal
- O Canada
- Walk off the stage to chosen song



# Convocation Day

- Take photos with your family, faculty, President & Chancellor on the University Court or around campus
- Backdrops and fun props will be available in the TSC for photos
- Return gown to TSC by time indicated then pick up your degree, yearbook and Alumni gift in the Event Space. The Alumni gift includes the sticker that makes your student card into an alumni card



# Convocation Guests



- You can bring **6 guests per graduate**, who go to the University Court (Bata podium) while you gown
- Guest Services Available: Information/Alumni tent, Food, Bookstore selling frames and gifts, school rings, flowers
- Guests with accessibility needs:
  - Can park or be dropped off at Bata Bus Loop (Parking Lot I)
  - Ushers will assist these guests to the covered accessible seating area at bridge level, with a beautiful, sweeping view of the ceremonies
- If the ceremony is moved due to inclement weather, the guests will be directed to the Athletics Centre

# Convocation Inclement Weather

- Convocation has been held outside of Bata Library since the first ceremony in 1967



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- Call made **one hour** prior to ceremony
- Students gown, marshal, then process into gym
- Guests can go directly to the gym
  - **3 guests per graduate when indoors**
- Additional guests can go to the Overflow Rooms where the ceremony is live-streamed:
  - Bata Library Film Theatre (BL 103)
  - Student Centre Stohn Hall (TSC 1.22)
  - Champlain College Lecture Hall (CC 307)



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- Questions?
- Thoughts?
- Contact:
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