



**Huguette Labelle**  
**Chancellor**  
**University of Ottawa**

Huguette Labelle was appointed Chancellor of the University of Ottawa in 1994.

**Biography:**

Born in Rockland, Ontario, Huguette Labelle holds a PhD in education from the University of Ottawa, and has received honorary degrees from several Canadian universities including Brock University, the University of Saskatchewan, Carleton University, the University of Ottawa, York University, Mount Saint Vincent University, the University of Windsor, the University of Manitoba, Saint Paul University and St Francis Xavier University. She is a Companion of the Order of Canada. She has received the Vanier Medal of the Institute of Public Administration of Canada, the Outstanding Achievement Award of the Public Service of Canada, the McGill University Management Achievement Award and l'Ordre de la Pléiade.

She is currently Chancellor of the University of Ottawa, member of Council of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, member of the Board of Directors of the International Institute for Sustainable Development, CRC Sogema, the State of the World Forum, Katimavik, Transparency International, the Canadian Centre for Management Development, member of the Board of Trustees of the African Virtual University, member of the Advisory Council of the Export Development Corporation the Canadian Bureau for International Education, the COADY International Institute and New York University/Wagner. She is chair of the Board of Directors of the Centre for the Financial Services Ombudnetwork and of the E7 scholarship selection committee. She is a commissioner of the World Commission on Globalization. She also provides advisory services to national and international institutions.

Huguette Labelle was president of the Canadian International Development Agency from 1993 to 1999, deputy head Millenium Bureau of Canada in 1998, Deputy Minister of Transport Canada from 1990 to 1993, chairman of the Public Service Commission of Canada 1985 to 1990, associate secretary to the Cabinet and Deputy Clerk of the Privy Council in 1985, and Under Secretary of State in the Department of the Secretary of State from 1980 to 1985. From 1973 to 1980, she held senior executive positions in Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and in Health and Welfare Canada. Before joining the Canadian government, she held management positions in health science education and in nursing education. Between 1974 and 1976, she served as a consultant to the government of Haiti and Cuba on health planning and on health sciences education.

Huguette Labelle has served as president, vice-president, chairperson or sat on the board of numerous organizations including the Canadian Red Cross Society, The Ottawa General Hospital, the Ottawa Health Sciences Centre Inc., the Transportation Association of Canada, Algonquin College, Ottawa-Carleton United Way, the Management Consulting Institute and the Canadian Nurses Association, the China Council for the International Co-operation on

Environment and Development, the World Health Organization's Working Group on Health and Development Policies, vice-president of the Canadian Safety Council, World Health Organization's Expert Committee on Health Manpower Management Systems, Board of Governors of the International Development Research Centre, the Export Development Corporation, the International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development, Carleton University, McGill University, the International Aviation Management Training Institute, the Canadian Comprehensive Auditing Foundation, the Public Policy Forum, the Collegium of Work and Learning, the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety, Collaboration International Health, as well as the Institute for Public Administration of Canada. She was also a member of the organizing committee for the Summit for youth employment.

**Role:**

The Chancellor of the University is appointed by the Board with the concurrence of the Senate and holds office for four years with eligibility for re-appointment.

The Chancellor is the titular head of the University and is accorded the place of honour at commencement exercises and other functions.