

The Governor General of Canada

His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston



Governor General Johnston was born in Sudbury, Ontario and raised in Sault St. Marie, Ontario. He was a two-time All-America hockey player while attending Harvard University.

Prior to his appointment, Governor General Johnston had a rich history as a respected lawyer, academic, and university administrator. He was a Professor of Law at Queen's University, a Dean of Law at Western University, Vice-Chancellor of McGill University and President of Waterloo University. More background is available at <http://www.gg.ca/>

His Excellency's vision is that Canada is a smart and caring nation where all Canadians can grow their talents to the maximum, and can succeed and contribute. To achieve this vision he has been pursuing the following three pillars: supporting families and children; reinforcing learning and innovation; and encouraging philanthropy and volunteerism.

Role and Responsibilities

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II is Queen of Canada and Canada's Head of State. The Governor General is the Queen's representative at the federal level in Canada and fulfills the duties of Head of State. The Governor General is also the Commander-in-Chief of Canada.

The Governor General is non-partisan and apolitical. In addition to constitutional duties, the Governor General connects, honours and inspires Canadians. Governors general have played an important role in relations between Canada and other countries by carrying out State visits abroad and by hosting many foreign heads of State on official visits to Canada.

Visit to the Midwest

His Excellency is visiting Minneapolis and Saint Paul, Minnesota, Chicago, Illinois, and Detroit, Michigan, from April 26 to 30, 2015 to promote Canada's education excellence and its leadership in innovation and research – including in science, agriculture, and technology.



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