YEAR	NAME	AWARD	CONTRIBUTION
2015	Claire Clark	Doctor of Laws	Ongoing commitment to community and mentorship of aboriginal women and youth.
2015	David Hancock	Doctor of Laws	Outstanding contributions to public service and ongoing commitment to community development.
2014	Dr. William J. Byrne	Doctor of Laws	Commitment and dedication to the preservation, interpretation and development of Alberta's historical resources.
2013	Sylvain Voyer	Doctor of Laws	Contributions to the Arts in Alberta.
2013	Robert (Bob) McDonald	Doctor of Science	Ongoing contributions to public awareness of science in Canada.
2012	Dr. Nyameko Barney Pityana	Doctor of Laws	Ongoing commitment to human rights.
2012	John (Jack) Brink	Doctor of Laws	Contributions to the field of archaeology, specifically PreContact Archaeology of Alberta and the Northern Plains of North America.
2012	Dr. John Willinsky	Doctor of Athabasca University	Advocacy of open access, particularly the free and widespread dissemination of knowledge through Open Educational Resources.
2011	Dempsey Bob	Doctor of Laws	Historical and cultural significance of his art and his commitment to the preservation of Tahltan-Tlingit artistry
2010	Hon. Raymond Charles Lee	Doctor of Laws	Dedication to fostering understanding, openness and good relations between Asian and non Asian Canadians.
2010	Bill St. Arnaud	Doctor of Science	Technical leadership in the design of Canada's national research network and his tireless efforts to promote its use.
2010	Prof. Lawrence Lessig	Doctor of Laws	Outstanding work in advocacy and global leadership in copyright reform.

2009	Dr. Jean Linse Pettifor	Doctor of Laws	Lifelong commitment to breaking down barriers to education, mentoring, and her scholarship and leadership in professional ethics.
2009	Ovide William Mercredi	Doctor of Letters	Outstanding contribution to public service and lifetime commitment to the peaceful preservation celebration of Indigenous peoples' rights.
2009	Neil Reimer	Doctor of Laws	Outstanding contribution to the betterment of the lives of working people.
2008	Patricia Anne Monture	Doctor of Laws	Commitment to academic excellence in research and teaching.
2008	Dr. Janice Morse	Doctor of Science	Impact on scholars in the fields of nursing and the health sciences.
2008	Dr. Mary Lou Jepsen	Doctor of Athabasca University	Contributions to education in the developing world.
2007	Prof. Mandla Makhanya	Doctor of Athabasca University	Outstanding leadership at the University of South Africa and his contributions as a distinguished scholar in distance education.
2007	Johnsen Sewepagaham	Doctor of Laws	Leadership in education, public service, social services, health and resource development and his support of post-secondary learning.
2007	Albert Karvonen	Doctor of Science	Accomplishments as a wildlife filmmaker of national and international stature.
2006	Marie Smallface-Marule	Doctor of Letters	Service to aboriginal community development and education.
2006	Peter Homulos	Doctor of Laws	World digital environments, enabling communities to preserve and to develop their social, cultural and economic aspirations.
2005	Gwendolyn Hooks	Doctor of Letters	History of black settlers in Alberta and her promotion of learning.

2005	Frank Appleby	Doctor of Athabasca University	Service to Athabasca University, his contribution to education, and his community advocacy and development in Alberta.
2004	Dr. Tony Bates	Doctor of Athabasca University	Scholarly contribution to open and distance education.
2004	Pamela Wallin	Doctor of Letters	Contribution to Canadian broadcasting and journalism.
2003	Robert Stollery	Doctor of Laws	Lifetime contribution to industry and his philanthropic dedication to higher education.
2003	Vicki Gabereau	Doctor of Letters	Contribution as a Canadian broadcaster and her ongoing dedication to and promotion of the arts.
2002	James Shapiro	Doctor of Science	World leadership in the treatment of diabetes through islet cell transplantation.
2002	Joseph Schwarcz	Doctor of Science	Commitment to public awareness of science and the responsible use of scientific information.
2001	Holger Petersen	Doctor of Letters	Canadian music, public broadcasting and the Canadian arts industry.
2001	Maria Campbell	Doctor of Letters	Lifelong learning endeavours to promote Metis culture, traditions and politics and advanced Metis peoples' issues, concerns and priorities in Canada.
2000	Stephen Murgatroyd	Doctor of Athabasca University	Inspired leadership in developing and launching Athabasca University's innovative and highly successful MBA program.
2000	Eleanor Wachtel	Doctor of Letters	Literature, arts, and Canadian broadcasting that have enriched understanding of creativity and the arts.

1999	Gajaraj Dhanarajan	Doctor of Letters	Open and distance education throughout the Commonwealth and contribution to higher education.
1998	John Daniel	Doctor of Letters	Advancement of distance education throughout the world. Promotion of the appropriate use of technology in education. Contributions to higher education.
1997	Linda Hughes	Doctor of Letters	Community, journalism and enlightened management.
1996	Moses Znaimer	Doctor of Letters	Arts and humanities and vision in the use of communication technologies.
1995	Maureen McTeer	Doctor of Letters	Devotion and preserving work on issues that have a direct impact on Canadian women.
1995	Eric Newell	Doctor of Laws	Canadian oil sands industry, business and innovative continuous learning opportunities.
1994	Dr. Ernest J. Wiggins	Doctor of Athabasca University	Heavy and oil sands development.
1993	Helen Mary Sabin	Doctor of Athabasca University	Dedication and effective leadership in nursing profession in Alberta and Canada.
1993	lan Tyson	Doctor of Athabasca University	Growth and appreciation of Canadian music and role in promoting awareness of social issues.
1992	Michael J. Miller	Doctor of Athabasca University	Protection of the environment and enhancement of the reputation of Canadian expertise in oil-field firefighting, through improving techniques for controlling oil fires and leading his firefighting team in heroic efforts.

1992	David W. Schindler	Doctor of Athabasca University	Science of freshwater ecology and Canada's northern ecosystems, which have influenced pollution-control policy decisions and led to a better public understanding of environmental issues.
1991	Marjorie M. Bowker	Doctor of Athabasca University	Equity, justice and public education in Alberta. Leadership by example in encouraging citizens to play active and independent roles in a democratic society.
1991	Ted Harrison	Doctor of Athabasca University	Through artistry, teaching and writing, a better public understanding and appreciation of the beauty and heritage of the Canadian North.
1990	Dr. Josephine M. Brown	Doctor of Athabasca University	Pioneering spirit as a general practitioner for forty years and distinguished and extensive record of public service to the Town of Athabasca.
1990	Brian Paisley	Doctor of Athabasca University	Tenacity, flair and creativity in promoting and extending access to modern theatre in Alberta, Canada and beyond.
1990	Anne Wheeler	Doctor of Athabasca University	Through the medium of film, public awareness and understanding of the social and cultural fabric of Alberta and the special role that women have played in the life of the province.
1989	Dr. Myer Horowitz	Doctor of Athabasca University	Visionary leadership in education in Alberta and Canada as outstanding teacher, university administrator, humanist and citizen.
1989	William Patrick Kelly	Doctor of Athabasca University	Labour relations in Canada as union leader, public servant and mediator extraordinaire.
1988	Dr. Bernard Trueman Keeler	Doctor of Athabasca University	Vision of freedom of association in Canada and commitment to promoting excellence in education.

1988	The Royal Canadian Air Farce	Doctor of Athabasca University	Canadian culture through humour.
1987	Maxwell William Ward	Doctor of Athabasca University	Service of Canada's northern frontier and vision in development of aviation in Canada.
1987	Madeleine Parent	Doctor of Athabasca University	Devotion to workers and the union movement and women's causes.
1986	Larry Denman Clarke	Doctor of Athabasca University	Commitment to scientific research, guidance and vision in the development of aerospace and communication technology in Canada.
1986	Chief Walter Patrick Twinn	Doctor of Athabasca University	Leadership in the development of self-government and economic independence for Indian people, continuing support for education. Community service.
1985	Dr. Northrop Frye	Doctor of Athabasca University	Canadian scholar, author, and educator.
1985	Ernest C. Manning	Doctor of Athabasca University	Service as a politician and statesman in Alberta and Canada.
1985	Clarence "Big" Miller	Doctor of Athabasca University	Singer and instrumentalist. Significant contribution to the world of music.
1985	Lois Hole	Doctor of Athabasca University	Dedication and service to education in Alberta and support of Athabasca University.
1984	Dr. W.A. Samuel Smith	Doctor of Athabasca University	Service in education. Leadership in the development of distance education in Alberta as President of Athabasca University.
1983	Dorothy Livesay	Doctor of Athabasca University	Canadian literature and renowned author and poet.
1982	Pierre Burton	Doctor of Athabasca University	Historian, writer and commentator. Concern for and dedication to Canada
1982	Bakhshish Singh	Doctor of Athabasca University	Development of distance education nationally in India at Punjabi University and internationally through the International Council for Correspondence Education.

1981	Anastasios Christodoulou	Doctor of Athabasca University	Development of distance education in the United Kingdom as Secretary to the Open University.
1980	Dr. T.C. (Tim) Byrne	Doctor of Athabasca University	Development of distance education in Alberta as founding President of Athabasca University. Service in education in Alberta.
1979	Fernand Grenier	Doctor of Athabasca University	Development of Distance Education in Quebec as Director General of the Tele-University.
1979	Lord Perry of Walton	Doctor of Athabasca University	Founding Vice-Chancellor of the Open University. Development of distance education in the United Kingdom and around the world.