

## SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

### Honorary Degree Citation

The degree of Doctor of Science, honoris causa,  
conferred on Dr. Sara Diamond  
Thursday, October 22, 2020

Dr. Sara Diamond is a distinguished alumna of Simon Fraser University whose lifelong commitment to education, research, innovation and the arts has profoundly impacted Canadian culture.

With a PhD in Computing, Information Technology and Engineering from the University of East London; a Masters in Digital Media theory from the University of Arts London; and a BA in History and Communications from SFU. Diamond was well primed to launch her decade -long career at Alberta's Banff Centre. While serving as Artistic Director of Media and Visual Art and Director of Research, she created and led the Banff New Media Institute to help incubate and support many of Canada's leading new media companies.

In 2005, Dr. Diamond became President of the Ontario College of Art and Design University, Canada's largest and most comprehensive art, design and media university. During her 15 -year tenure—she transitioned to the role of President Emerita this past summer—she strategically expanded programming and partnerships and built a diverse and Indigenous work force and curriculum. Dr. Diamond secured capital funding to transform physical spaces, including establishing the Richmond Street Campus and Onsite public gallery. Propelled by her visionary leadership and commitment to inclusivity, OCAD U has emerged as an eminent leader in STEAM+D—that is, Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math, Medicine and Design—with capacities in digital media, design research and curriculum.

Beyond the academy, Dr. Diamond has given years of service and policy directi