



# THE CALLING OF AN ENGINEER

## ATTENTION: ALL GRADUATING ENGINEERING STUDENTS – CLASS OF 2025

If you are graduating from an accredited Bachelor of Applied Science program, or Bachelor of Software Engineering program, you are invited to participate in the Obligation Ceremony known as “The Calling of an Engineer”. More commonly the Ceremony is also called the ‘iron ring ceremony’. The Ceremony will take place on Saturday February 08, 2025. This is the only day that the Ceremony will be conducted at the University of Waterloo in 2025. If you wish to participate, please observe the details below closely to ensure you are able to participate.

The Calling of an Engineer is a Canadian tradition that was founded in 1925, and this year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Obligation Ceremony. Camp 15, Waterloo was founded in 1962. Since then, over 43,000 Waterloo graduates have participated in the Ceremony and received a ring. You are invited to participate in a ceremony and receive a stainless-steel ring as a symbol and reminder of the moral obligation recited during the ceremony.

Such an important situation requires planning and follow-up by students and guests to ensure that no one misses registering before the deadline or attending the in-person ring fitting and, most importantly, no one misses their ceremony time.

### Critical Information and Dates to Become Familiar With

Read through the information below and take note of the date, time, program of study, and location details. Update your term planner as attending all dates is critical.

#### ONLINE REGISTRATION: January 13 – January 23

The following link will allow you to register online starting January 13 at 9:00a.m. - <https://ironringcamp15.com>. Registration and payment must be submitted prior to arriving at Ring Fitting.

#### RING FITTING: Thursday, January 23 – E7 2472 (Dean of Engineering Event Space)

4:30 p.m.	Architectural, Civil, Environmental, Geological, Software
5:00 p.m.	Computer, Electrical, Management
5:30 p.m.	Mechanical, Mechatronics
6:00 p.m.	Chemical, Nanotechnology, Systems Design, Biomedical
6:30 p.m.	All programs welcome
7:00 p.m.	Event Closes





## THE CEREMONY: Saturday, February 08 – Federation Hall

There are four (4) ceremonies scheduled as outlined below. You should arrive approximately 20 minutes before the ceremony start time to confirm your attendance.

10:30 a.m.	Architectural, Civil, Environmental, Geological, Software
12:00 p.m.	Computer, Electrical, Management
2:00 p.m.	Mechanical, Mechatronics
3:30 p.m.	Chemical, Nanotechnology, Systems Design, Biomedical

## RING RE-FITTING: Thursday, March 6 – E5 3102

4:00-6:30 p.m. All programs

### ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

1. Only students in a position to graduate in 2025 are eligible to participate. To graduate, you must satisfy the requirements for your program and submit an “Application to Graduate” form to the Registrar’s Office. If your degree requirements will not be completed so you can graduate at the Fall 2025 convocation, then you will not be able to attend a Ceremony in 2025.
2. There is a \$30 fee required to offset costs associated with ceremonies. Pay online when you register.
3. As part of registration, Camp 15 requires your consent to use information provided by UW. The use of this information is in accordance with Camp 15’s [Privacy Policy statement](#). By clicking the “I consent” button you agree to this policy. In order to verify your eligibility and proceed, it is necessary to provide consent.
4. For 1650 students it is difficult to find a date / time that will suit everyone. For the Ring Fitting on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, if you have a conflict due to an evening lecture or an interview, you are welcome to attend at an alternate time that evening. Please be sure the time switch is necessary as the Camp 15 volunteers will be working close to full capacity.
5. GUEST: You may request to have one close friend or family member, who you have a close relationship with, attend the Ceremony. Due to limited capacity of facilities, you are limited to one (1) guest. Your guest can be:  
A GUEST OBSERVER. Due to capacity limitations at Federation Hall, Guest Observers will not be seated with you and will watch a direct video feed of the Ceremony on large screens in BMH 1689 which is a theatre-style lecture hall across the Ring Road from Federation Hall.

OR

A GUEST RING PRESENTER, i.e. a person who presents the ring to you. Your Guest Ring Presenter must be an obligated (ringed) engineer of four (4) or more years, who is wearing their iron ring. This person will be seated with you in Federation Hall.

To register your one guest, you will need to provide the following information during the online registration process:

- Full name of your guest
- Relationship of guest to you (i.e., parent, grandparent, etc.)
- Attending as Guest Observer or Guest Ring Presenter
- Year of Obligation (if attending as Guest Ring Presenter)
- Camp Number of Obligation (if attending as Guest Ring Presenter)

Please ensure you have your guest’s permission to share all of these details when you register them.





Notes about Guest Ring Presenters and Federation Hall capacity limitations:

- Based on experience, it is expected that there will be sufficient capacity to accommodate all Guest Ring Presenters. If the hall capacity is exceeded, you will be notified by email after January 26<sup>th</sup>.
  - Unregistered Guest Ring Presenters cannot be accommodated on February 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - If you have any questions about guests, please ask camp volunteers at the Ring Fitting on January 23.
6. Students accompanied by Guest Ring Presenters should arrive together at the time noted in the ceremony schedule.
  7. Guest Observers should proceed directly to BMH 1689. BMH is across the Ring Road from Federation Hall.
  8. Please be prompt. Once your ceremony starts, there will be no admittance to Federation Hall.
  9. Please wear suitable attire respecting the more formal nature of the Ceremony. The dress code is business casual.
  10. Visitor Parking: See the [parking web site](#) for lots and parking cost.
  11. Cancellation due to extreme weather: If Camp 15 determines that weather conditions will not allow the Ceremony to proceed, Federation Hall staff will be notified and [Waterloo storm closing](#) procedures will be followed. The Student Relations Officer for the Faculty of Engineering will notify students of weather-related changes via the engfourthyear email address.

On behalf of Camp 15, Waterloo, I am looking forward to welcoming you to the engineering profession via our now century-old Canadian tradition.

Yours very truly,

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