

Biography, Louise Roy

Louise Roy, O.C., O.Q.

Ms. Roy was until June 2018 Chancellor and Chair of the board of Université de Montréal. She was the first woman to ever be appointed Chancellor and chair of the board of this 65,000 student institution. She held this function from 2008 to 2018.

Since September 2003, she has been an invited Fellow at CIRANO, the Center for Interuniversity Research and Analysis on Organizations, a public policy think tank, and is the Chair of the board since December 2012.

She currently also serves as a director of Montréal International and a director of the Foundation of Concours International Musical de Montreal (CIMM).

She was the Chair of the board of the Conseil des arts de Montréal, a cultural funding agency, from 2006 to 2012. Until May 2018, she was a Director of Power Financial Corporation and of Intact Financial Corporation. During her career she also served as a director of Provigo Inc., the Laurentian Bank of Canada, Videotron Ltée, and Domtar Corporation.

In the past Ms. Roy has held senior management positions in the fields of urban transportation, air transport and subsequently in the communication industry. She was Chief Executive Officer of the Montreal Transport Corporation from 1985 until 1992, Executive Vice-President Americas of Air France in Paris (1994-1997), Chief Executive Officer of Telemedia Communications Inc. (1997-2000) and Executive Vice-President Marketing and Commercial services of International Air Transport Association (IATA) (2000-2003).

She participated in many fundraising campaigns, including the Université de Montréal and several other cultural organizations.

For her outstanding achievements in the economic, social and political fields, she has received numerous awards and distinctions, including the Concordia University's Faculty of Commerce & Business Administration Award of distinction in 1988, the Université de Montréal's Edouard Montpetit Medal in 1992, the Public Forum's Award Distinction in 1994, and the Federated Press award of Excellence in 2003. In 2009, she was named Officer of the National Order of Québec and in 2012, Officer of the Order of Canada. In 2013, Ms. Roy was named one of Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women and in 2014, named "Fellow" by the Institute of Corporate Directors. In 2015, she was awarded, the Marcel Côté award by the Public Policy Forum for her dedication to public policy and her involvement in the community. During May 2018, the city of Montréal recognized her outstanding achievements and dedication to the community by giving her the title of Commander of the Order of Montréal.

Ms. Roy earned a B.Sc in Sociology from Université de Montréal (1971). She holds a master's degree (M. Sc.) (1974) and completed doctorate studies in Sociology from the University of Wisconsin, in Madison.