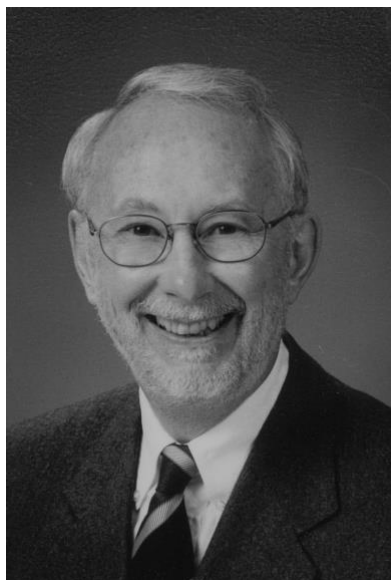




The Canadian  
Accounting  
Hall of Fame

Le Temple  
de la renommée comptable  
du Canada

## **JACK VICQ – Inducted 2025**



Jack Vicq stands as a towering figure in the Canadian accounting profession. His remarkable career, spanning over six decades, is characterized by significant contributions to accounting education, professional practice, and community service, leaving an indelible mark on the field. From his early days in Saskatchewan to his influential roles in national and international accounting bodies, Jack's journey is a testament to his unwavering dedication, innovative spirit, and profound impact.

Born and raised in Saskatchewan, Jack's academic foundation was laid at the College of Commerce at the University of Saskatchewan, where he honed his intellectual curiosity and passion for accounting. In 1963, he qualified as a Chartered Accountant, marking the beginning of a career defined by excellence and leadership.

Jack's commitment to education is evident in his extensive involvement with the University of Saskatchewan. He embarked on his teaching career in 1967, imparting his knowledge and enthusiasm to aspiring accountants. Over three decades, he taught a wide array of courses, ranging from introductory financial accounting to advanced topics in tax policy and practice. His undergraduate courses, including "Introduction to Financial Accounting," "Taxation in Canada," and "Corporate Taxes Payable and Tax Planning," provided students with a solid understanding of the fundamentals. At the graduate level, he challenged students with a "Research Seminar" and "Taxation and Business Decisions," fostering critical thinking and analytical skills.

Beyond the classroom, Jack played a pivotal role in university administration, serving as Associate Dean, Director of International Business Studies and Department Head in the College of Commerce. He demonstrated his commitment to practical learning by developing classroom materials that illustrated the tax consequences of transactions under provincial legislation. He further contributed to legal understanding by authoring a chapter on the Saskatchewan Business Corporations Act. Moreover, Jack supervised twelve undergraduate Honours and Masters thesis students, guiding research on diverse topics such as religious property taxation and lottery taxes, nurturing the next generation of accounting scholars. His dedication to education earned him the esteemed title of Professor Emeritus at the

University of Saskatchewan, a recognition of his significant contributions to the institution and the field of accounting education.

Jack's influence extended far beyond the academic realm, permeating the accounting profession at both the provincial and national levels. His service as Chair of the Board of Examiners for the Chartered Accountants Professional Examinations for over a decade stands as an unparalleled contribution to the profession. This role placed him at the forefront of shaping the standards and competencies of future Chartered Accountants, ensuring the integrity and excellence of the profession.

His involvement with the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants (CICA) further solidified his national impact. As a member of the Education and Aboriginal Initiatives committees, he championed initiatives to promote inclusivity and access to the profession. His leadership as chair of the CICA International Qualifications Appraisal Board showcased his commitment to aligning Canadian accounting standards with global best practices. His efforts in aligning committee processes with World Trade Organization recommendations in 1997-98 were particularly noteworthy, demonstrating his forward-thinking approach to international collaboration.

At the provincial level, Jack's contributions to the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Saskatchewan were equally significant. As a Member of Council from 1969-1971, he chaired several committees, including the Convention Committee and the Bylaws and Code of Ethics Committee, shaping the ethical and professional standards of the institute. His work on the Education, Special Projects, Taxation, and Aboriginal Access Committees further underscored his commitment to advancing the profession and promoting inclusivity. In 1997, he was awarded the Fellow Chartered Accountant (FCA) designation by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Saskatchewan, a testament to his exceptional contributions and leadership.

Jack's expertise and leadership were sought after by both the business community and government. He served as a Research Officer with Revenue Canada, contributing to the development of tax policy and regulations. His tenure as Associate Deputy Minister of Finance (Taxation & Economic Policy) for the Province of Saskatchewan from 1985-1987 allowed him to shape the province's fiscal landscape. In 1987, he served as Acting Deputy Minister of Finance, demonstrating his ability to lead during critical times. His contributions included authoring Interpretation Bulletins for the Canadian Revenue Agency and consulting for the Auditor General of Canada on Tax Collection Agreements, showcasing his deep understanding of tax law and policy.

He chaired the Saskatchewan Personal Income Tax Review Committee in 1999 and co-authored the Provincial Income Tax Review Committee Report, providing valuable insights into tax reform. His role as member of the Tax Review Committee for the City of Saskatoon in 1997 further demonstrated his expertise in tax policy at the municipal level. His directorship at Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan (now Nutrien) from 1989-2007, where he chaired the Audit Committee, exemplified his commitment to corporate governance and financial accountability. Jack also served as the A.W. Johnson Distinguished Chair in Public Policy from 2001-2002 at the Ministry of Finance, Saskatchewan, highlighting his expertise and influence in public policy and taxation.

Jack's commitment to community service is exemplified by his extensive involvement with not-for-profit organizations. He served on the Meewasin Valley Authority board from 2006-2014, chairing it from 2010-2014, contributing to the preservation and development of the Meewasin Valley. He was a Member of the Board of Directors for the Saskatchewan Abilities Council and served on the Board of the Saskatoon Contact for the Widowed, demonstrating his compassion and dedication to supporting vulnerable populations. A colleague and Jack developed and ran a Tax Volunteer Program with senior accounting students. For ten years, students prepared tax returns in supported living facilities. His role as Director and Treasurer with St. Martin's United Church and his service on the Saskatoon Fair Tax Commission highlighted his commitment to community service and social justice. In 2015, he and his wife Sylvia received the National Philanthropy Day Award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) Saskatoon Chapter, recognizing their philanthropic contributions to the community.

One of Jack's most enduring legacies is his pioneering work in Indigenous business education. Following the Oka crisis and the Royal Commission on Aboriginal People, Jack recognized the need to address the underrepresentation of Indigenous people in the business world. He championed initiatives to attract Indigenous students to business education, launching the Aboriginal Business Education Program at the University of Saskatchewan. He secured funding from Scotiabank and established partnerships with the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College (now First Nations University of Canada), creating a supportive ecosystem for Indigenous students.

Jack's efforts included creating transition programs, securing funding for Indigenous student support, and developing an Aboriginal MBA Specialization. He also supported the incorporation of Indigenous knowledge into the business curriculum and facilitated consulting projects with Indigenous organizations, ensuring that Indigenous perspectives were integrated into business education. These initiatives were bold and groundbreaking, opening doors to new Indigenous student support systems, mentorship programs, bursaries, and scholarships, empowering future generations of Indigenous business leaders.

Jack Vicq's legacy is one of unwavering dedication, innovative leadership, and profound impact. His contributions to accounting education, professional practice, and community service have left an indelible mark on the field of accounting and beyond. His pioneering work in Indigenous business education has paved the way for future generations of Indigenous business leaders, promoting inclusivity and economic empowerment. Jack's career is a testament to the power of education, the importance of community service, and the enduring impact of a dedicated professional. His influence will continue to inspire and shape the accounting profession for years to come.