



SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Memo

To: Graduate Assistants in Programs in the Social Sciences and Humanities
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Re.: Trudeau Foundation 2020 Doctoral Scholarships competition

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INTERNAL DEADLINE: DECEMBER 12, 2019

The Trudeau Foundation 2020 Doctoral Scholarships competition will launch as of November 15, 2019, on the Trudeau Foundation website,

<http://www.trudeaufoundation.ca/en/programs/doctoral-scholarships>

Eligibility information and step-by-step application instructions can be accessed here:

<http://www.trudeaufoundation.ca/en/programs/scholarships/become-scholar>

All information and the online application is available in French via the website.

REMINDER: ONLINE APPLICATION: The Trudeau Doctoral Scholarship application is entirely online, via the foundation's application portal. Applicants must go to the application portal here: <https://trudeaufdn.fluxx.io/apply/scholars> and answer a short eligibility questionnaire, in order to proceed with the online application. The application portal for the 2020 Doctoral Scholarship should be open on November 15, 2019. Applicants complete the online application, which includes uploading all transcripts. Three recommendation letters are also required. Applicants enter the name and email address of three referees in the application and an email will automatically be sent to the referees, asking them to upload their reference letter in PDF directly to the portal.

Applicants must submit the complete application to the portal **by the School of Graduate Studies' deadline of December 12, 2019.**

Overview: The Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation Scholarship Program will help shape researchers into engaged leaders who are conscious of the impact of their research, connected to the realities of the communities in which they work, and open to non-conventional forms of knowledge. The Foundation is seeking candidates who are audacious, original, and forward-

thinking. Up to twenty candidates will be chosen as Scholars each year. The Foundation supports doctoral degree candidates pursuing research of compelling present-day concern, touching upon one or more of the four themes of the Foundation: Human Rights and Dignity; Responsible Citizenship; Canada and the World; and People and their Natural Environment. For more details of the four themes, see the website,

<http://www.trudeaufoundation.ca/en/about/our-themes>

The Foundation recognizes that leaders in Canada communicate fluently in English and French and is committed to supporting Scholars in improving their language skills and expects them to make the necessary efforts to become fluent in both official languages. The Foundation will also strive for robust representation of the diverse stakeholders, cultures, and communities that compose Canadian society in terms of gender, language, ethnicity, and region. The Foundation welcomes First Nations, Inuit, and Métis candidates.

Value and Duration: Valued at up to \$60,000 per year for a maximum of three years, the Trudeau Doctoral Scholarship is the most prestigious doctoral award in Canada. It offers the opportunity to interact within an exceptional community of leaders and committed individuals in every field of the social sciences and humanities. The scholarship provides a generous stipend and comprises a substantial yearly allowance for research and travel, which helps support audacious interdisciplinary research and original fieldwork.

Eligibility: To be considered eligible for this competition, applicants must:

- Be Doctoral students already accepted into or in year one, two, or three of a full-time program in the humanities or social sciences whose work relates to one of the Foundations' four themes:
 - Human Rights and Dignity;
 - Responsible Citizenship;
 - Canada and the World; and
 - People and their Natural Environment
- Be Canadian citizens, whether at a Canadian or an international institution (however, to 25% of Scholars in a given year may be non-Canadians (permanent residents or foreign nationals) accepted into or in year one, two, or three of a doctoral program at a Canadian institution
- Be nominated by a university
- Not be or have ever been, a Trudeau Foundation Doctoral Scholarship recipient.

NOTE ON ELIGIBILITY: Candidates will be considered by the Foundation only if they have been nominated by a university. A candidate must be enrolled in or must have completed a degree program at the nominating institution, or must be enrolled in or applying to a doctoral program there. Candidates must be nominated by the Canadian or foreign institution where they wish to

study or are currently studying. It is up to the university to decide if they will nominate a candidate from their institution who is pursuing doctoral studies at another university.

The complete application must be submitted to the Trudeau Application portal by the deadline of DECEMBER 12, 2019. A complete application consists of:

- Online Application form
 - Three letters of reference:
 - At least one (1) letter must be from an academic referee concerning academic achievements;
 - At least (1) letter must be from a non-academic referee concerning your leadership abilities;
 - The third reference letter may come from an academic or non-academic referee.
- There is no form for reference letters, but the Foundation does require that the letters be signed and that the name and contact information of the referee be clearly stated. The letters must be uploaded to the portal, by each referee, and must be submitted in PDF format.
- **Official transcripts of all post-secondary studies including the applicant's current studies and including CEGEP transcript for candidates who attended CEGEP in Quebec.**

NOTES ON REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- All information provided to the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation is subject to the *Access to Information Act* and the *Privacy Act*. The Privacy Act allows candidates to access, upon request and with the referee's agreement, personal information about themselves in letters of reference. The identity of the referee will remain confidential. For more information, please consult the *Policies* section of the Foundation's website (<http://www.trudeaufoundation.ca/en/trudeau-foundation/publications/policies>)
- Uploaded application documents must be printed on one side only.
- Applications and/or application material sent separately to the Foundation, rather than as part of a complete application submitted by a university, will not be considered.
- Incomplete application files and/or application files received after the deadline will not be considered.
- The School of Graduate Studies will be responsible for obtaining the required letter(s) of nomination from the Vice-Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies (the Principal's designate) for each applicants selected. Sometime around December 13, 2019, the graduate department/program of each nominated applicant will be contacted by the School of Graduate Studies to provide some wording (a paragraph or two) that will be included in the nomination letter.
- The School of Graduate Studies will also be responsible for submitting the complete applications of all nominees to the Trudeau Foundation via the portal by the competition deadline.

Nomination procedures: Universities in Canada hold annual internal competitions in which up to four (4) candidates per institution are selected as nominees. Queen’s University will nominate four applicants, from the eligible candidates who submit complete applications including all required supporting documentation to the application portal **by the university’s internal deadline of December 12, 2019.**

Adjudication will be required if more than four applications that meet all eligibility requirements are received by the School of Graduate Studies by the stated deadline. If adjudication is required, a subcommittee of the Fellowship Committee of the School of Graduate Studies (or equivalent) will evaluate the applications submitted and select the applications to be sent to the national competition.

Selection by the Foundation: Scholars are selected through a rigorous selection process that includes evaluation of applications by a selection committee and interviews with finalists. The Trudeau Foundation will contact finalists in March or April 2020 for the next stage of the selection process, which is an interview with Foundation committee members, in Montreal, Quebec. Universities in Canada and the United States are asked to bear the travel expenses of their nominees who are selected for interviews. For candidates overseas, special interviewing arrangements may be made either via telecommunications or through the good offices of Canadian embassies and high commissions. Candidates who will be offered a scholarship will be notified in May 2020.

Also note that 2020 Doctoral Scholarships winners must:

- Attend a community retreat and two Institutes of Engaged Leadership during the first year of their term;
- Collaboratively plan and participate in a conference event during the second year of their term;
- Work with other Scholars, Mentors, and Fellows on a creative knowledge sharing and dissemination project during the third year of their term;
- Work towards fluency in English and French with support from the Foundation;
- Actively engage and collaborate with the Foundation’s community of Scholars, Mentors, and Fellows; and
- Submit one research progress report per year.

Selection Criteria: Trudeau Scholarship applicants are evaluated on the following:

- Academic excellence;
- Leadership experience and abilities;
- Thematic relevance of research to the Foundation's themes;
- Public engagement;
- Desire to contribute to public dialogue and share knowledge;
- Communication skills;
- Desire to belong to a vibrant community made up of leaders from across sectors; and
- All forms of diversity, including but not limited to gender, ethnicity, language, region, and discipline. The Foundation welcomes First Nations, Métis, and Inuit candidates.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For more information consult the website or contact:

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DEADLINE: Complete applications must be submitted to the portal **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 12, 2019.**

Thank you for your assistance. Please contact Erfan Aghdasi (email aghdasie@queensu.ca, or ext. 77307) or me (email corbettm@queensu.ca, or ext. 77309) if there are any problems or questions.

Yours sincerely,



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