

Office of the Dean
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Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation Scholarship
Reference Guide

2019 – 2020

INTRODUCTION TO THE GUIDE

DESCRIPTION

The award supports interdisciplinary research and original fieldwork by providing a substantial yearly allowance for research and travel, enabling the Scholars to gain first-hand contact with the diverse communities that can enrich their studies. Moreover, each Scholar is paired with a distinguished Trudeau Mentor selected by the Foundation among the most eminent Canadian practitioners in all sectors of public life.

The Scholarship also offers the opportunity to interact with an exceptional community of leaders and committed individuals in every field of the social sciences and humanities, to participate in events organized by the Foundation and to hold their own workshops, through available financial support.

Candidates are evaluated based on their academic achievement, which must be on par with the highest standards of the world's most prestigious doctoral scholarship programs. Future scholars must also demonstrate an ability to engage in lively exchange with other researchers and scholars, and have an expressed desire to contribute to public dialogue.

VALUE AND DURATION OF SCHOLARSHIP

Annual value up to \$60,000 (including an annual travel allowance of \$20,000) per Scholar for a maximum of three years

New 2019-2020

QUOTAS

All Canadian institutions are allowed to nominate a maximum of four (4) applicants per scholarship cycle.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT

Standard eligibility criteria:

New 2019-2020

To be considered for a Trudeau Scholarship, you must:

- Be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant applying to a doctoral program in the social sciences and humanities or registered full-time in the first, second or third year of such a program at a Canadian university;

- Be a Canadian citizen applying to a doctoral program in the social sciences and humanities or registered full-time in the first, second or third year of such a program at a foreign university
- Be a foreign national [with a preference for candidates from the developing world] applying to a doctoral program in the social sciences and humanities or registered full-time in the first, second or third year of such a program at a Canadian university - Present a research project linked to one of the four themes of the Foundation - Be nominated by a university
- Present a research project linked to one of the Foundation's four themes (Human rights and dignity; Responsible citizenship; Canada in the world; People and their natural environment)
- Must be nominated by a University
- High academic standing (minimum GPA requirement A-)

PREPARING AN APPLICATION

Please visit the Trudeau Foundation website for information pertaining to scholarships:
<http://www.trudeaufoundation.ca/en/programs/doctoral-scholarships>

Please review carefully before beginning to prepare your application, and refer to them frequently as you do.

INFORMATION REGARDING REFERENCE LETTERS

Note to Referees: Reference letters must be signed, dated and on letterhead, unless a form is provided. When submitting a reference letter on behalf of the student, please ensure that you read and follow instructions carefully.

There are some useful tips on how to write an effective letter of recommendation in Joe Schall's online manual entitled "Writing Recommendation Letters Online",
<https://www.e-education.psu.edu/writingrecommendationlettersonline/node/121>

Note to Students: Reference letters must be received by the deadline of the scholarship in order to complete your application.

KEY SITES

The main Trudeau Foundation website, which contains all of the official information about the scholarship program, eligibility, selection criteria, and application instructions.

a) Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation Scholarship: <http://www.trudeaufoundation.ca>

b) Trudeau Foundation Portal: trudeaufdn.fluxx.io

The online system in which you will construct your application, and via which YSGS will submit nominated applications to the Trudeau Foundation for the national level of adjudication.

FEEDBACK AND REVISIONS – *for Associate Dean and Graduate Program Directors*

During the feedback and revision stage, Graduate Program Directors are expected to provide critical feedback to students with the intention of improving their application.

You are asked to provide a level of feedback similar to that of a journal peer-review, or thesis/dissertation evaluation. You are requested to provide detailed feedback, by email or during an in-person, on all aspects of the application, however, particular attention should be paid to the following documents:

1. Research Proposal
2. Research Contributions statement
3. Academic reference letters
4. Leadership Statement
5. Leadership reference letter
6. CV

The descriptive language used by applicants must be clear and engaging. Necessary technical language must be explained and jargon must be avoided. All revision requests must work to more closely align the application with the Trudeau selection criteria.

SUBJECT MATTER ELIGIBILITY REVIEW

The Foundation's programs support work in four themes that inspired the life and work of Pierre Elliott Trudeau:

- Human rights and dignity
- Responsible citizenship
- Canada in the world
- People and their natural environment

Please ensure the application aligns with one of the four themes outlined by the Trudeau Foundation.

GOALS OF THE REVIEW PROCESS:

1. To provide detailed feedback on the application, including specific comments and requests for revision intended to strengthen the application and ensure its competitiveness in the national Trudeau adjudication
2. To determine if any applications are not sufficiently competitive to continue in the Trudeau competition
3. To ensure that the application directly reflects the four themes outlined by the Trudeau

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

- Application form
- Letter of nomination signed by a high-ranking official of the institution
- Three letters of reference: two from academic referees, principally concerning academic achievements, AND one from a non-academic referee, concerning the non-academic aspects of the application. The letters of reference must be signed and must clearly indicate the name and contact information of the referee
- Transcripts of all post-secondary studies, including CEGEP transcript for candidates who attended CEGEP in Quebec

CONTACT US

Contact	Assistance Available
Emily Jensen Program Officer, Scholarships EJensen@fondationtrudeau.ca	Detailed and technical questions regarding the online application process and portal; and scholarship specific inquiries
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Graduate Program Directors	Substantive advice on scholarship application