

Invitation to join PETF Trudeau Society Regional Committees

The Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation (PETF) and Trudeau Society are currently seeking volunteers to join Regional Committees that will help build stronger networks between the current PETF community and alumni, as well as support these networks to engage with wider audiences of policy makers, business and community leaders, and diverse publics.

Joining a Regional Committees will enable current PETF Scholars, Fellows and Mentors to connect with former ones, and it will allow alumni to maintain strong connections with the PETF.

The Trudeau Society

The Society brings together current and former members of the Trudeau Foundation community, including former Scholars, Fellows and Mentors, to foster productive and long-term relationships. The Society also provides an opportunity for alumni to give back to the Foundation and participate in its ongoing activities, to the extent that one wishes to and is able. Society members can:

- participate in the Annual Conference, the Summer Institute, and events on topics of interest that complement the Public Interaction Program;
- attend social events and seminars hosted by current or past Trudeau Foundation members, which have included get-togethers at the annual Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, and book launches featuring works by Trudeau Foundation alumni;
- support the work of the Foundation, such as assisting in the file review committees at the Foundation's invitation;
- partner with incoming Scholars, Fellows, and Mentors to share experiences that help people make the most of their time with the Foundation;
- promote the public visibility of the Foundation nationally and internationally;
- participate in, and encourage, PETF fundraising programs.

Proposal for PETF Regional Committees

Based on a survey conducted by the Executive Committee of the Trudeau Society in 2017, two main roles were identified for the Society: (1) help scholars and other participants in the PETF community to bring their work to and engage with wider audiences and publics; and (2) build stronger research, professional and social networks within the wider PETF community.

Seeking the opportunity of the upcoming Summer Institute, the Society is coordinating with the Foundation to reactivate a network of Regional Committees for current and former participants of the PETF. The Committees will broadly operate in the regions of Atlantic Canada, Quebec, Ontario, the Prairies, British Columbia, and the northern Territories, though other demarcations of region are certainly possible such as an international Regional Committee. The aspiration is that each Committee will be able to organize at least one

event per year, which can include thematic seminars on current events, panel discussions, book launchers, multi-stakeholder dialogues, social networking, or any other activity in line with the broader purposes of the Committees and Trudeau Society.

Participation on committees is entirely voluntary. The Committees will operate largely autonomously, with some support from the PETF and Trudeau Society. The organizational structure and procedures of each Committee will be decided upon by each Committee's members.

The Trudeau Society will invite each Committee to have at least one member join the Society's Executive Committee.

For further information, please join Jennifer Petrela at jpetrela@trudeaofoundation.ca.