



# 2015-2016 TRUDEAU DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

DESCRIPTION

THE PIERRE  
ELLIOTT  
TRUDEAU  
FOUNDATION

*The Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation is an independent and non-partisan charity established in 2001 as a living memorial to the former prime minister by his family, friends, and colleagues. In 2002, with the support of the House of Commons, the Government of Canada endowed the Foundation with the Advanced Research in the Humanities and Human Sciences Fund. The Foundation also benefits from private donations. By granting doctoral scholarships, awarding fellowships, appointing mentors, and holding public events, the Foundation encourages critical reflection and action in four areas important to Canadians: human rights and dignity, responsible citizenship, Canada's role in the world, and people and their natural environment.*

## THE PIERRE ELLIOTT TRUDEAU FOUNDATION

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The Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation supports outstanding young scholars, respected intellectuals, and experienced public policymakers from across Canada and abroad. It creates opportunities for individuals working in the social sciences and humanities to share knowledge and envision the public policies demanded by the complex challenges facing our society, now and in the future.

The Foundation has four core programs:

- The Trudeau Scholarship Program
- The Trudeau Fellowship Program
- The Trudeau Mentorship Program
- The Trudeau Public Interaction Program

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

## THE TRUDEAU DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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The Trudeau doctoral scholarship is Canada's most prestigious doctoral award in the social sciences and humanities. Each year, the Foundation awards scholarships to up to fifteen doctoral students from Canada or abroad who have achieved academic excellence and who demonstrate an interest in public policy and a willingness to learn in a multidisciplinary setting. Trudeau scholars also have a track record of engaging in social debate. Since 2003, the program has attracted 187 scholars – individuals with a passion for public engagement who are poised to become leading national and international figures.

The Trudeau scholarship supports interdisciplinary research, original fieldwork, and travel. It also gives Trudeau scholars the means to interact with the Trudeau community, an exceptional network of leaders and individuals active in public affairs. Through the Trudeau Mentorship Program, the Foundation also gives Trudeau scholars access to eminent Canadians who are recognized for their contribution to public life and who make themselves available to the scholars for guidance and networking.

## WHO CAN APPLY FOR A TRUDEAU SCHOLARSHIP?

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- Candidates for a Trudeau scholarship must be applying to the first year of a doctoral program in the humanities and social sciences or be registered in the first or second year of such a program.
- Trudeau scholars may be Canadian citizens or landed immigrants pursuing full-time doctoral studies in Canada, or Canadian citizens pursuing full-time doctoral studies at a foreign institution. Up to one-fourth of Trudeau scholars in a given year may be foreign nationals pursuing full-time doctoral studies at a Canadian institution. The preference in this case is for students from the developing world.

## HOW ARE THE CANDIDATES ASSESSED?

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- Academic achievement at the highest level
- An outstanding ability to exchange with other researchers and scholars
- An interest in public policy
- The intention to work in an area related to one or more Trudeau themes and to contribute to public dialogue in those areas

## HOW ARE TRUDEAU SCHOLARS SELECTED?

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- Universities nominate candidates upon invitation at the end of the calendar year
- The Foundation conducts internal and external reviews of the applications
- A small number of candidates is interviewed by a selection committee at the Foundation's offices in Montreal in the spring
- The selection committee recommends up to fifteen candidates to the president of the Foundation, who submits his nominations to the Foundation's Board of Directors
- The Board of Directors considers the president's nominations and grants the awards
- The new Trudeau scholars are announced by summer

## HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR TRUDEAU DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION?

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Your application must be sent by your home university.  
Please contact your university's scholarship officer to have access to the online application form.  
The call for applications sent to universities gives instructions regarding applications.  
Check the complete list of Trudeau Scholars at: [trudeaufoundation.ca/community/Scholars](http://trudeaufoundation.ca/community/Scholars)

## FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE TRUDEAU DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:

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