We Value People

Our Mentorship Program pairs up experienced Canadian public intellectuals with the bright young PhD student recipients of a Trudeau Scholarship. The mentors are not just introduced but given logistical and financial support to encourage a longer-term relationship with the scholars.

We Build Connections

We Encourage Audacity

As citizens of the world, our mentors have a nationwide reputation based on their extraordinary achievements in their own particular field - from arts and culture to public service and journalism and from business and politics to community development and philanthropy. All have declared themselves ready to share their knowledge and skills with young people just starting out in their careers and to introduce them to their professional and social networks.

Experience has proven that PhD students benefit from practical advice on how to integrate a public policy perspective into their research and how to communicate their results to audiences other than their immediate colleagues. The Trudeau Mentors provide a window into the professional context, helping the students adapt their line of questioning to the needs and concerns expressed by society.

The Foundation appoints up to 12 mentors per year for a mandate of 18 months to facilitate interactions with the scholars and participation in meetings held by the Foundation. Trudeau Mentors are selected among the most eminent Canadian practitioners in all sectors of public life, from the creative arts to business and from public service to social activism.

Trudeau Mentors are offered an honorarium of \$20,000. A further \$15,000 is available to cover the cost of participating in program activities.

The Trudeau Mentors are nominated by an extensive nomination network. An independent peer-review panel is responsible for screening the applications and suggesting a list of mentors to the Board of Directors for approval.

ABOUT US A Canadian institution with a national purpose, the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation is an independent and non-partisan charity. It was established in 2001 as a living memorial to the former prime minister by his family, friends, and colleagues. In 2002, the Government of Canada endowed the Foundation with a donation of \$125 million with the unanimous support of the House of Commons. In addition, the Foundation benefits from private sector donations in support of specific initiatives. Through its Scholarship, Fellowship, Mentorship, and Public Interaction Programs, the Foundation supports outstanding individuals who make meaningful contributions to critical public issues.

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