

## Preface

This year marked the 10th anniversary of the Trudeau Fellowship Program. Since the first cohort in 2003, the Foundation has selected 50 Trudeau fellows and held 25 Trudeau Lectures at universities across Canada. Each Trudeau fellowship is worth \$225,000 and is awarded to individuals who set themselves apart through research achievements, creativity, and commitment to critical social issues of importance to Canada. The Trudeau fellowships offer concrete support and encouragement for highly respected members of Canada and the world's intellectual trust—original thinkers with strong opinions that often diverge widely. Trudeau fellows possess the talent, drive, and potential to anticipate, understand, and engage in our most pressing challenges, ultimately helping us build a better Canada. Nominations are put forward by an extensive nomination network, and an independent jury of eminent researchers and intellectuals proposes to the Board of Directors a list of fellows on the basis of their leadership qualities, productivity, reputation, and demonstrated ability to communicate. In most cases, Trudeau fellows are not aware that they have been nominated until they receive a call from the Foundation.

The Foundation seeks to deepen engagement between the Trudeau fellows and its mentors and scholars, to put the scholars into greater and more meaningful contact with the Foundation's roster of Canadian intellectuals, and to stimulate new and productive collaborations between the three groups. To that effect, in 2013, the Board of Directors received recommendations from a committee tasked with reviewing the Trudeau Fellowship Program and making it even better. The committee, which Dr. Emőke Szathmáry chaired, included Dr. Marc Renaud, Dr. Sean Riley, and Mr. Alexandre Trudeau. I take this opportunity to thank them for their invaluable work, which led to significant adjustments to the Trudeau Fellowship Program.

The Foundation has four goals for the reform. First, the Foundation aims to create a stronger network of scholars, mentors, and fellows who meet regularly, develop projects together, share each other's networks, and transform one another, becoming ever more publicly engaged, more open to differences of politics or persuasion, and more familiar with innovations taking place in disciplines not their own. Second, the Foundation wishes to supply intellectual leadership to inject new ideas and ways of working into its activities. Third, the Foundation seeks to protect Trudeau fellows' intellectual freedom by allowing them to propose their own means of engagement with the Trudeau community. Fourth, the Foundation aspires to appoint truly bold and innovative thinkers for whom the Trudeau fellowship would make a real difference. As these adjustments are being implemented with the 2014 cohort of Trudeau fellows, I can only make the prediction that they will accomplish great things, contribute significantly to our understanding of the world, and inspire dialogue on issues of importance for all citizens.

It is in that same spirit that five years ago, the Foundation launched an annual series of lectures—the Trudeau Lectures—delivered by Trudeau fellows. Hosted by Canadian universities,

the lectures disseminate Trudeau fellows' ideas and publicize the Foundation's work on campuses and in communities across the country. The lectures give the speakers an opportunity to reflect on their intellectual career and on the institutional framework within which they developed their ideas.

The Foundation is building a community of creative and critical thinkers and providing ways for them to work together with the wider public to develop and communicate ideas that matter. Trudeau fellows and their contributions give meaning to the Foundation's role in supporting outstanding individuals who have the drive and ability to take on some of modern society's most critical issues. These public intellectuals undoubtedly contribute to generating a rich and stimulating dialogue.

I certainly hope that the text of their lectures published herein will inspire scholars in the social sciences and humanities to pursue their work, draw attention to the critical issues of our century, and show how great ideas can transform into concrete improvements for Canada and the world.

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