

Trudeau Fellowship

The Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation was established in 2002 to honour the humanitarian spirit of our former Prime Minister. With an endowment of \$125 million, the Foundation supports exceptional individuals for three or four year terms with the expectation that they develop and disseminate original and effective public policy proposals in four areas – Human Rights and Dignity, Responsible Citizenship, Canada in the World, and People and Their Natural Environment. Trudeau Fellows, Scholars and Mentors are selected, in part, for their originality, courage and commitment to make our country and our global community a better place to live. We expect them to make meaningful contributions to critical issues of the day. Since 2002, the Foundation has granted nearly 150 major awards to top researchers and highly accomplished individuals, in Canada and abroad.

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Every year the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation selects five Fellows who have set themselves apart through their research achievements, creativity and social commitment. The Fellows are chosen by an independent jury of eminent researchers and intellectuals, after a rigorous selection process. The Trudeau Foundation does not accept direct applications for these prizes, but establishes a list of candidates based on suggestions put forward by an extensive nomination network in Canada and abroad. The Trudeau Fellowships are of a total value of \$225,000 including a prize amount of \$150,000 and a \$75,000 research and public engagement award. Trudeau Fellowships and Trudeau Visiting Fellowship

Since the program was started in 2002, the Foundation has named 29 Trudeau Fellows (see attached list). The Foundation considers candidates from all disciplines in the social sciences and humanities and all domains of creative arts and focuses its efforts in four fields – human rights and dignity, responsible citizenship, Canada in the world, and people and their natural environment. Four out of five Fellowships are directly related to the four Foundation themes and the Foundation usually appoints one Fellow per theme any given year for a mandate of three years.

Starting in 2009, the Foundation will ask universities to make additional nominations for a fifth “Visiting Trudeau Fellowship”. This Fellowship is given to an international (uneven year) or national (even year) Visiting Fellow who will be invited to reside at a Canadian University during his or her mandate of usually one year. The call for nomination for the Visiting Trudeau Fellowship will be sent to Canadian universities and research institutions separately from the call for nominations for the general Trudeau Fellowships.

Objective

Trudeau Fellowships are not granted for particular careers or specific activities, although these do factor into the evaluation of the candidates. Trudeau Fellows are chosen above all because they have proven that they can imagine and promote new solutions to major contemporary issues, relying on both the knowledge they have drawn from leading-edge research and the conscientious attention they pay to the needs of our society. Trudeau Fellows enjoy extensive

freedom in their use of the funds they are given, and the Foundation does not require them to make a prior commitment to undertake any specific projects or programs of action. The only important criteria are the excellence of the candidate's record and his or her moral and intellectual qualities. Because of this approach, the Trudeau Fellowships have been able to support original initiatives and truly innovative projects that would not always have been supported by traditional research or creativity grant programs. The Fellows are encouraged to communicate their ideas and works broadly, and the Foundation supports all efforts in this regard.

Additional information

For further information about the Fellowship program, please contact Program Director Dr. Bettina B. Cenerelli (cenerelli@trudeaufoundation.ca or 514.938.0001, ext. 227). Additional administrative information will be sent to the Fellows at the beginning of their mandate.