

To: Graduate Assistants in Programs in the Social Sciences and Humanities  
From: Monica Corbett, School of Graduate Studies  
Date: October 5, 2012  
RE: Trudeau Foundation 2013 Doctoral Scholarships

**DEADLINE TO SGS: NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

Information and the application form for the Trudeau Foundation 2013 Doctoral Scholarships competition are now available at the Trudeau Foundation website, <http://www.trudeaufoundation.ca/en/trudeau-foundation>

Guidelines, and the application form in PDF format, are here: [http://www.trudeaufoundation.ca/sites/default/files/u5/eng\\_pdf\\_rev-online\\_2013\\_final-secure.pdf](http://www.trudeaufoundation.ca/sites/default/files/u5/eng_pdf_rev-online_2013_final-secure.pdf)

All information is also available in French (and other languages).

**Overview**

Established in 2001 as a living memorial to the former Prime Minister by his family, friends, and colleagues, the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation seeks to promote outstanding research in the social sciences and humanities, and to foster a fruitful dialogue between scholars and policymakers in government, business, the voluntary sector, the professions and the arts community. The Foundation grants up to fifteen new scholarships every year to outstanding doctoral degree candidates in the social sciences and humanities. The Foundation supports doctoral degree candidates pursuing research of compelling present-day concern, touching upon one or more of the four themes of the Foundation: Human Rights and Dignity; Responsible Citizenship; Canada in the World; and People and their Natural Environment. For more details of the four themes, see the website, <http://www.trudeaufoundation.ca/en/themes>

Far beyond the financial assistance, the Trudeau Scholarship offers award winners the opportunity to interact with an exciting community of leaders and committed individuals in every field of the social sciences and humanities.

**Value and Duration**

The Trudeau Foundation Doctoral Scholarship is tenable for three years. During their third year, Trudeau Scholars may apply for a thesis writing scholarship or a postdoctoral scholarship, for a fourth year of financing. The annual value is \$60,000 per Scholarship (including an annual travel allowance of \$20,000) for up to three, or, if a scholar wins a thesis writing scholarship or postdoctoral scholarship, four years.

## **Eligibility**

To be considered eligible for this competition, an applicant must:

- Be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant applying to a doctoral program in the social sciences and humanities or registered full-time in the first or second year of such a program at a Canadian university

**OR**

- Be a Canadian citizen applying to a doctoral program in the social sciences and humanities or registered full-time in the first or second year of such a program at a foreign university

**OR**

- Be a foreign national [with a preference for candidates from the developing world] applying to a doctoral program in the social sciences and humanities or registered full-time in the first or second year of such a program at a Canadian university

**AND**

- Present a research project linked to one of the four themes of the Foundation
- Be nominated by a university.

**NOTE ON ELIGIBILITY:** Candidates will be considered by the Foundation only if they have been nominated by a university. A candidate must be enrolled in or must have completed a degree program at the nominating institution, or must be enrolled in or applying to a doctoral program there.

## **Required Documents**

- Completed and printed application form (filled out by using Adobe Acrobat), signed by the applicant
- Three letters of reference: two (2) from academic referees, principally concerning academic achievements, AND one (1) from a non-academic referee, concerning the non-academic aspects of the application. The letters of reference must be signed and clearly indicate the name and contact information of the referee
- Official transcripts of all post-secondary studies, including CEGEP transcript for candidates who attended CEGEP in Quebec

## NOTES ON REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- All information provided to the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation is subject to the *Access to Information Act* and the *Privacy Act*. The *Privacy Act* permits candidates to access, upon request, personal information about themselves in letters of reference. The identity of the referee will remain confidential.
- Documents are not returned to candidates.
- Application document must be printed on one side only, and not stapled.
- Application forms, letters, or transcripts sent separately to the Foundation, rather than as part of a complete file submitted by a university, are not considered.
- Incomplete application files and/or application files received after the deadline will not be considered.
- The School of Graduate Studies will be responsible for obtaining the required letter(s) of nomination from the Principal (or designate) for each applicants selected, and for submitting the complete application packages to the Trudeau Foundation by the Foundation's deadline.

## Nomination procedures

Universities in Canada hold annual internal competitions in which up to six candidates per institution are selected as nominees. Complete application forms, including all supporting documentation, are to be submitted to the School of Graduate Studies, **by the deadline of November 15, 2012.**

A subcommittee of the Fellowship Committee of the School of Graduate Studies (or equivalent) will evaluate the applications submitted and determine which applications are sent to the national competition.

The Trudeau Foundation will contact finalists in March 2013. The next stage of the selection process is an interview with Foundation committee members. These interviews will take place in March 2013. Universities in Canada and the United States are asked to bear the travel expenses of their nominees who are selected for interviews. For candidates overseas, special interviewing arrangements may be made either via telecommunications or through the good offices of Canadian embassies and high commissions. Candidates who will be offered a scholarship will be notified in April-May 2013.

## Selection by the Foundation

Trudeau Scholars are selected through a rigorous process comprised of the following stages:

1. Evaluation of all application files by an internal committee and an external File Review Committee
2. Interviews

3. Approval of the finalists by the Application and Nomination Review Committee
4. Final approval by the Foundation's Board of Directors

### **Selection Criteria**

Trudeau Scholarship recipients:

- Have a track record of academic achievements on par with the highest standards of the world's most prestigious doctoral scholarship programs
- Possess exceptional skills that will enable the Scholar to engage in lively exchange with other researchers
- Intend to work in an area related to one or more of the Foundation's four themes and have an expressed desire to contribute to public dialogue

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Please consult the website's *Frequently Asked Questions* section

<http://www.trudeaufoundation.ca/en/programs/scholarships/scholarships-faq>

or send email to: [tinfo@trudeaufoundation.ca](mailto:tinfo@trudeaufoundation.ca)

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### **DEADLINE**

Complete applications including all required accompanying documentation are to be submitted to Leisa McDonald, School of Graduate Studies Room 425 Gordon Hall **NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 15, 2012.**

Thank you for your assistance. Please contact Leisa McDonald (ext. 77307, email [leisa.mcdonald@queensu.ca](mailto:leisa.mcdonald@queensu.ca)), or me (email [monica.corbett@queensu.ca](mailto:monica.corbett@queensu.ca)) if there are problems or questions.

Yours sincerely,  
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