SGS Award Announcement

To: Graduate Deans; Graduate Chairs/Directors; Graduate Coordinators; Graduate Administrators
From: Tara Lock, Graduate Awards Officer (Internal), Graduate Awards Office
CC: Joshua Barker, Dean, Graduate Studies and Vice-Provost, Graduate Research and Education; Luc De Nil, Vice-Dean, Students; Laura Stathopoulos, Director, Graduate Awards and Financial Aid
Date: September 21, 2017
Re: 2018 Pierre Elliot Trudeau Foundation Doctoral Scholarships

This announcement is for internal purposes only and should not be posted on websites external to the University.

Award Overview

Student Submission Deadline: Date set by graduate unit
Graduate Unit Deadline to SGS: October 27, 2017
Value/Duration: $40,000 (+ up to $20,000 travel) per year for three years
Level of Study: Doctoral
Required Legal Status: Domestic or International
Results: Late April directly by Foundation

Purpose

The Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation Doctoral Scholarships aims to support outstanding students who are interested in growing in a multidisciplinary learning environment and in addressing important questions for Canada and the world. Each year, the Foundation awards up to fifteen (15) scholarships to Canadian and foreign doctoral students pursuing research related to one of its four founding themes: human rights and dignity, responsible citizenship, Canada in the world, & People and their natural environment.

Eligibility to Apply

Applicants must:

- Be applying to or registered full-time in the 1st or 2nd year of a doctoral program in the humanities and social sciences; and
- Be Canadian citizens studying in or outside of Canada, or non-Canadians studying in Canada.

Up to one in four scholarships per year may be given to a non-Canadian (permanent resident or foreign national) enrolled full-time in a doctoral program at a Canadian institution. This applies in particular to students from emerging nations.

Selection Criteria

Candidates are expected to demonstrate:

- A track record of academic excellence of the highest level;
- Exceptional communication and public engagement skills;
The desire to contribute to public dialogue, transmit knowledge, and to be involved in the community with other researchers or scholars; and

Thematic relevance of the doctoral research to one or more of the Foundation's themes.

Application & Nomination Process

Detailed information on the U of T application process can be found within the “Instructions for Applicants” document. In summary, applicants must:

1) Complete the online application through the Foundation's portal including:
   - Uploading scanned copies of their current official transcripts from all post-secondary studies including grading legends to the online application;
   - Entering the contact information for three (3) referees; and
   - Submitting the complete application online and to the graduate unit by the unit’s deadline.

2) Submit the above completed application including transcripts to their graduate as per the unit’s deadline paying special attention to any specific instructions (e.g. hardcopy or electronic submission). Graduate units will receive applicants’ reference letters through SGS.

Graduate units may nominate up to three candidates to SGS by 4:30pm on Oct. 27, 2017. Further details on the nomination process can be found within the “Instructions for Grad Units” document provided by SGS.

Results

The SGS Graduate Awards Officer (Internal) will notify the units’ nominees of the University competition results in December (graduate units will be copied).

The Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation will directly notify semi-finalists in early February. In early-mid March, approx. 30 finalists will be selected and invited to an interview at the Foundation offices in Montréal. Unsuccessful nominees will be directly notified by the Foundation via mail. Up to 15 Pierre Elliott Trudeau Scholars will be chosen and notified by late April but will not be publicly announced by the Foundation until early June.

Safety Abroad

Please be reminded that all U of T students travelling outside of Canada who are conducting research and/or are receiving funding or sanctioning through the University must comply with U of T’s safety abroad requirements before departure.

Failure to comply with the following procedures may result in withdrawal of funding, emergency support and/or academic credit; students may be required to provide confirmation:

1. Complete the online registration request form. This should occur at least one month before departure. The Safety Abroad Office will register the student and send a confirmation email.
2. Sign on to the Safety Abroad Database and complete a profile, including emergency contact, passport and travel health insurance information.
3. Attend the appropriate Safety Abroad Workshop.
4. Sign and submit waivers to the Safety Abroad Office.
5. Obtain supplementary health insurance (if not already covered).

For travel to a region designated by the Global Affairs Canada as “Avoid Non-Essential Travel” or “Avoid All Travel” students must contact the Safety Abroad Office at safety.abroad@utoronto.ca as soon as possible to request special approval for the trip.

Questions on these requirements and/or the process can be directed to:

Safety Abroad Office
safety.abroad@utoronto.ca
416-978-1148

Contacts & Resources
Visit the Trudeau Foundation’s website

For more information, please contact:
Tara Lock
Graduate Awards Officer (Internal)
Graduate Awards Office
tara.lock@utoronto.ca
(416) 978-2386