SGS Award Announcement

To: Graduate Deans; Graduate Chairs/Directors; Graduate Coordinators; Graduate Administrators

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Date: December 6, 2018

Re: 2019 Pierre Elliot Trudeau Foundation Doctoral Scholarships

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Award Overview

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<td>Graduate Unit Deadline to SGS:</td>
<td>January 24, 2019</td>
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<td>Value &amp; Duration:</td>
<td>$40,000 (+ up to $20,000 travel) per year for three years</td>
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Purpose

The Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation Scholarship Program aims to help shape researchers into engaged leaders who are conscious of the impact of their research, connected to the realities of the communities in which they work, and open to non-conventional forms of knowledge. The Foundation is seeking candidates who are audacious, original, and forward-thinking. Each year, the Foundation awards up to twenty (20) scholarships to Canadian and foreign doctoral students pursuing research related to one of its four founding themes: Human Rights and Dignity, Responsible Citizenship, Canada and the world, & People and their natural environment.

Scholars will receive:
- Membership in a community of other Scholars, Mentors, and Fellows, all of whom are leaders and change-makers in their respective disciplines and sectors;
- Leadership training from Mentors and Fellows;
- $40,000 per year for three years to cover tuition and reasonable living expenses; and
- $20,000 per year for three years, as a research and travel allowance.

Scholars must:
Attend a community retreat and two Institutes of Engaged Leadership during the first year of their term;
Collaboratively plan and participate in a conference event during the second year of their term;
Work with other Scholars, Mentors, and Fellows on a creative knowledge sharing and dissemination project during the third year of their term;
Work towards fluency in English and French with support from the Foundation;
Actively engage and collaborate with the Foundation’s community of Scholars, Mentors, and Fellows; and
Submit one research progress report per year.

Eligibility to Apply

Applicants must:
- NEW: Have been accepted into or be currently registered in the 1st, 2nd or 3rd year of a full-time doctoral program in the humanities and social sciences* at the time of application; and
- Be Canadian citizens studying in or outside of Canada, or non-Canadians studying in Canada.

*Generally, the Foundation accepts nominees from faculties that are traditionally considered as humanities and social sciences. There is some flexibility for candidates pursuing interdisciplinary research (e.g. a social science approach to medicine).

Selection Criteria

The Trudeau Selection Committee is looking for:
- Academic excellence;
- Leadership experience and abilities;
- Thematic relevance of the doctoral research to the Foundation’s themes;
- Exceptional communication and public engagement skills;
- Desire to contribute to public dialogue and share knowledge, and to belong to a vibrant community made up of leaders from across sectors; and
- All forms of diversity, including but not limited to gender, ethnicity, language, region, and discipline. The Foundation welcomes First Nations, Métis, and Inuit candidates.

Up to 25% of Scholars in a given year may be non-Canadians enrolled in a doctoral program at a Canadian institution.

Application & Nomination Process

Applicants must be nominated by the Canadian or foreign institution where they are currently accepted or enrolled in a doctoral program. Complete details on the application process can be found within our Instructions for Applicants document on the SGS webpage.

In order to be considered for a nomination, applicants must:
1) Complete a registration request form located on the Foundation’s website;
2) Receive a username and password within 4 business days (check spam folder);
3) 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;
   - Entering the contact information for three (3) referees; and
   - Submitting the complete application online.
4) Submit the above completed application including transcripts to their graduate unit, as per the unit’s deadline, paying special attention to any specific instructions (e.g. hardcopy or electronic submission). Graduate units can receive applicants' reference letters through SGS.

The Foundation has provided a quota of four (4) to Canadian universities; as such, each graduate unit is invited to forward up to **2 nominees** to SGS by **4:30pm on Jan. 24, 2019**.

Further details on the U of T nomination process can be found within the attached “Instructions for Grad Units” document.

**Results**

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

In Spring 2019, the Foundation will select and invite finalists to an in-person interview in Montréal. Unsuccessful nominees will be directly notified by the Foundation via mail. Up to 20 Pierre Elliot Trudeau Scholars will be chosen and notified by late April but will not be publicly announced by the Foundation until May.

**Safety Abroad Requirements for Travelling Scholars**

Safety Abroad procedures are **mandatory** for all U of T students travelling outside of Canada, including to the U.S.A., and must be completed **before the travel occurs** (regardless of receiving scholarship support). Contact safety.abroad@utoronto.ca for further information.

The following steps must be completed **prior to departure** and cannot occur retroactively:

- 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;
- Sign on to the [Safety Abroad Database](#) and complete a profile, including emergency contact and passport and travel health insurance information;
- Attend the appropriate [Safety Abroad Workshop](#) (valid for 1.5 years) - certain workshops are only offered once a month so be sure to plan accordingly in order to attend before travelling;
- Sign and submit waivers to the Safety Abroad Office;
- Submit a Safety Planning Record (students should contact safety.abroad@utoronto.ca to confirm if this step is applicable to their travel);
- 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.

**Contacts & Resources**

For program information and online application, visit the Trudeau Foundation website

For information regarding the U of T selection process, please visit the [SGS website](#) or contact:

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