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Pierre Elliott Trudeau Scholarship (PETF) Scholarship

Student Workshop

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Eligibility

- 1) You must be already accepted into or in, year one, two, or three of a full-time doctoral program in the humanities or social sciences
- 2) Your doctoral work must relate to at least one of the Foundation's Four Themes:
 - Human Rights and Dignity
 - Responsible Citizenship
 - Canada and the World
 - People and their Natural Environment
- 3) Be a Canadian citizen studying at a Canadian or foreign institution, or a non-Canadian (permanent resident or foreign national) enrolled in a doctoral program at a Canadian institution
- 4) Be committed to a 3 year leadership program



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Information about the Award

Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation Scholars receive:

- Membership in a community of Scholars, Mentors, and Fellows
- Leadership training -including unique experiential learning opportunities
- Tuition/living expenses: Up to \$40,000 per year for 3 y
- Research, networking & travel allowance : Up to \$20,000 per year for 3 y
- Lifelong membership in the Foundation's alumni network

Scholars must:

- YEAR 1: Engage in Foundation in-person and digital events, including custom-designed Institutes of Engaged Leadership and Retreats
- YEAR 2: Collectively organize a conference event (Impact Conference)
- Year 3: Present the conference

- Commitment to participate fully in all mandatory activities of the program:
 - Virtual Community Retreat in Montreal, QC - June 2021
 - *Institute of Engaged Leadership* in Moncton, NB – November 2021
 - *Institute of Engaged Leadership* in Cape Town, South Africa – March 2022
 - *Impact Conference* in years two and three
 - Participation in virtual events (mandatory and optional) on an ongoing basis

- Take steps, through formal or informal training, to improve their proficiency in English/French (as applicable). Scholars also commit to becoming more familiar with Canada's Indigenous Languages through the leadership program.
- Serve their communities as volunteers: expectation of 30 h/ year and report on these activities to the Foundation.
- Willingness to learn from peers, Fellows and Mentors



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How to Apply & Timelines

- Apply directly to the Foundation through the online portal (now open). **Deadline: January 5, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. EST**
- Applications are reviewed and shortlisted by the Foundation and applicants are invited for group interviews. (February, 2021)
- Finalists proceed to individual interviews with the Application and Nomination Review Committee (ANRC). (March, 2021)
- Recommend choices to the Board of Directors for final approval. (Official announcement May 2021)



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What are they looking for?

What are adjudicators looking for?

- Academic excellence and intellectual capacity
- Commitment and openness to engaging with a plurality of perspectives
- Leadership and engagement
- Agility and resilience
- Participation in mandatory activities

Kelsey Pennanen

Archaeologist & Educator

University of Calgary

PETF Scholar 2020

“Engagement means showing up with my committee and team ready to work to create opportunities, take accountability, and inspire change. Leadership is multi-faceted and is participated in throughout daily activities and decision-making. Through conducting outreach, engaged leadership involves creating new avenues to energize and inspire others. It is actively connecting with the many communities and individuals that we service. It is working together to showcase valuable research and develop innovative ways of sharing knowledge.”



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Application Procedures & Components

What do you need to submit?

- ❑ Application form (<http://fdnpetf.smartsimple.ca>)
 - 4 essay questions (200 to 400 words)
 - Doctoral project description (2 sections, 500 words total)
 - Up-to-date undergraduate and graduate transcripts
 - Language skills, achievements, and experience
(including scholarships, fellowships, awards or honours, publications**, conferences, work experience, extracurricular and volunteer experience)
- ❑ Two reference assessments (at least one academic)
- ❑ More info: <https://www.trudeaufoundation.ca/become-scholar>

There are 4 mandatory essay questions:

1. Describe how the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation's Leadership program can help you achieve your professional and personal objectives (max 200 words)
2. How do you engage with those that disagree with and oppose your views? (max 400 words)
3. Describe how you bring innovative solutions to complex problems and demonstrate entrepreneurial spirit. Please provide concrete examples (max 400 words)

4. How do you envision your contribution to a better future for Canada and the world? (max 400 words)
- Optional Special Circumstances section (career interruptions, including parental leave, illness or disability, socio-economic background, etc.) that may have influenced your academic performance (max 200 words)

- Upload transcripts covering your entire post-secondary education in one PDF document
- Applicants who attended CEGEP in Quebec should not include their CEGEP transcripts
- Official transcripts are not required for your application, but you may be asked to provide official copies if your application is successful.

- Title (max 200 characters)
- Project Description (max 300 words)
 - Research problem and objectives
- Methodology (max 200 words)
 - How will your project achieve the objectives
- **Your project must align with one of the 4 themes**

Human Rights and Dignity

Responsible Citizenship

Canada and the World

People and their Natural Environment

- For more information about the four themes please visit:
- <https://www.trudeaufoundation.ca/our-four-themes>

Highlight:

- What is new and important about your research?
- What is the key question your research addresses and how will it be answered?
- What are estimated milestones and what does success look like for this research proposal?
- Feasibility. What resources are available?



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References

- Referees are asked to complete a predetermined referral form, which includes both a narrative referral as well as a numerical evaluation of the candidate against the selection criteria.
- Referees no longer need to upload their reference letter in PDF format on the portal. The referral forms must be completed by the referee on the application portal.
- The Foundation may contact referees for additional information and confirmation.

Choose wisely, ask early and be proactive : make it easy for your referee to write a good assessment:

- Provide information about the award.
- Meet to discuss which criteria you think they should address and provide examples
- Provide transcripts and a CV. Highlight areas you wish to have covered in the assessment.
- Inform them of the deadline & REMIND them.

- The reference letter should focus on skills, abilities and potential.
- Both letters cover different aspects of the candidate. The **academic reference often focuses on the candidate's research and academic excellence and intellectual capacity**. The two **references combined** should offer a comprehensive assessment of the **candidate as a whole**.



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Resources

Faculty of Graduate Studies:

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PETF website:

<https://www.trudeaufoundation.ca/>

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- Please note the **PETF offices will be closed during the holiday, from December 23rd to January 3rd.** They will do some monitoring of technical questions and emails, but the response rate will be slower than usual.
- Candidates can direct questions to the Foundation, but given the number of emails we are currently receiving, the response may take a few days. As much as possible, PETF asks that candidates visit our FAQ that they will update regularly: <https://www.trudeaufoundation.ca/faq>