# Trudeau Foundation 2020-21 Doctoral Scholarship Administrative Guidelines

Each year, the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation rewards outstanding doctoral candidates who are enrolled or accepted into a program related to social sciences, humanities, or environmental sciences, and who are doing research in areas related to one of the four themes:

[Human Rights and Dignity](http://www.trudeaufoundation.ca/en/themes/human-rights-and-dignity)

[Responsible Citizenship](http://www.trudeaufoundation.ca/en/themes/responsible-citizenship)

[Canada and the World](http://www.trudeaufoundation.ca/en/themes/canada-and-world)

[People and their Natural Environment](http://www.trudeaufoundation.ca/en/themes/people-and-their-natural-environment)

For a complete description of the scholarship please visit the Trudeau [website](http://www.trudeaufoundation.ca/en/programs/doctoral-scholarships).

## Eligibility

* Doctoral students already accepted into or in year one, two, or three of a full-time program in the humanities or social sciences whose work relates to one of the Foundations’ four themes; and
* Canadian citizens, whether at a Canadian or an international institution;
* Up to 25% of Scholars in a given year may be non-Canadians (permanent residents or foreign nationals) enrolled in a doctoral program at a Canadian institution.

## Value

$60,000 per year (including an annual travel allowance of up to $20,000) for three years.

## Important Dates

November 15, 2019 – On-Line Application made available, [request form available here](https://trudeaufdn.fluxx.io/apply/scholars).

December 9, 2019 – Application due on-line

December 10, 2019 – Graduate Awards Officers share applications with departments for review

December 10, 2019 – January 2, 2020 – Department review of applications and create nomination letter if endorsing application(s) for the OGPS Awards Committee

January 2, 2020 – Trudeau nomination letters due from departments to Graduate Awards Officers

Early January 2020 – OGPS Awards Committee to review

Mid-January 2020 – OGPS Awards Committee selection meeting

January 22, 2020 – Nominated applications submitted online to foundation

Spring 2020 – Finalists invited for an interview in Montreal

Late April 2020 – Selected candidates notified

May 2020 – Public announcement of new Trudeau Scholars

## Nomination process

Candidates must be nominated by the Canadian or foreign institution where they are currently accepted or enrolled in a doctoral program.

## What the Foundation Looks for in Applicants (Evaluation Criteria):

* Academic excellence;
* Leadership experience and abilities;
* Thematic relevance of research to the Foundation’s themes;
* Public engagement;
* Desire to contribute to public dialogue and share knowledge;
* Communication skills;
* Desire 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. We welcome First Nations, Métis, and Inuit candidates.

## University of Guelph Review Process

The University of Guelph can forward up to **four** applications that best represent the institution’s excellence, based on the Foundation’s evaluation criteria. The Foundation will strive for a strong representation of all forms of diversity, including but not limited to gender, ethnicity, language, region, and discipline. The Foundation welcomes applications from First Nations, Métis, and Inuit candidates

## Department Review

Each department must review all Trudeau Foundation Doctoral applications that are submitted. Please review each application to ensure that it relates to one of the [four themes](http://www.trudeaufoundation.ca/en/about/themes).

## Nomination Letter

If the department would like to forward the application for consideration by the university selection committee a letter of nomination is required. The nomination letter must include the following:

1. Comment on the candidate’s research and how it relates to one of more of the themes.
2. Emphasize the candidate’s skills and expertise as it relates to all areas of the Evaluation Criteria (above).

## Complete Application Package

1. Online Application Form
2. Three letters of reference – at least one academic letter dealing primarily with academic achievements and at least one non-academic letter concerning leadership abilities. The third letter may be from an academic or non-academic referee.
3. Transcripts for all post-secondary studies including CEGEP transcript for candidates who attended CEGEP in Quebec.

## Questions?

Please email the Graduate Awards Officers at grschol@uoguelph.ca.