# Trudeau Foundation 2018-19 Doctoral Scholarship Administrative Guidelines

Each year, the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation rewards outstanding doctoral candidates who are enrolled or about to be enrolled in a social sciences and humanities or environmental sciences program 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 in the World](http://www.trudeaufoundation.ca/en/themes/canada-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

* Full-time first or second year students enrolled (or in the process of enrolling) in a doctoral program in the humanities and social sciences; and
* Canadian citizens or permanent residents enrolled full-time in a doctoral program in Canada, or Canadian citizens enrolled full-time in a doctoral program outside of Canada.
* Up to one scholar in four per given year may be a foreign national enrolled full-time in a doctoral program at a Canadian institution. This applies in particular to students from emerging nations.

## Value

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

## Important Dates

September 1, 2017 – On-Line Application [request form available here](https://trudeaufdn.fluxx.io/apply/scholars).

October 27, 2017 – Application due on-line

October 30-Nov 1, 2017 – Graduate Awards Officers post applications to FilePro for departments

November 1 - November 14, 2017 – Department review of applications and create nomination letter if endorsing application(s) for the OGPS Awards Committee

November 14, 2017 – Trudeau nomination letters due from departments to Graduate Awards Officers

November 17, 2016 – Applications posted to FilePro for OGPS awards committee

November 17 – December 1, 2017 – OGPS Awards Committee to review

December 1, 2017 – OGPS Awards Committee selection meeting

December 8, 2017 – Nominated applications submitted on-line to foundation

Mid-March 2018 – Finalists invited for an interview

Late April 2018 – Selected candidates notified

June 2018 – Public announcement of new Trudeau Scholars

## Nomination process

Candidates must be nominated by the Canadian or foreign institution where they wish to study or are currently studying. Universities can nominate a candidate from their institution who is pursuing doctoral studies at another university.

## Evaluation Criteria

* Academic excellence
* Communication skills
* Public engagement
* Desire to contribute to public dialogue and transmit knowledge
* Desire to be involved in the community with other researchers or scholars
* Thematic relevance of the doctoral research

## University of Guelph Review Process

The University of Guelph can forward up to eight applications that best represent the institution’s excellence, based on the Foundation’s evaluation criteria.

## 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 - two academic letters dealing primarily with the quality of the academic work and 1 non-academic letter dealing with other aspects of the application (e.g. capacity of leadership, communication skills, etc.)
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.