The Fulbright Canada Post-COVID Challenge

Application Guidelines and Terms and Conditions for Youth and Fellowship Applicants

APPLICATION GUIDELINES FOR YOUTH APPLICANTS

The Fulbright Canada Post-COVID Challenge is an open call for youth from across Canada and the United States to provide creative ideas that address critical social, economic, technological, and public health challenges in the post-COVID world. *We are seeking applications from diverse youth with unique ideas that help to tackle the key challenges we are facing in the post-COVID world:*

1. Improving public health and wellbeing;
2. Contributing to digital transformation; and,
3. Finding solutions to social cohesion and economic recovery.

**Eligibility**

1. Applicants must have a vision about what they want the post-COVID world to look like and an initial concept for their idea.
2. Applicants must be the age of majority in the province or state where they reside.
3. Applicants must currently reside in Canada or the U.S.A.

> Please note that applicants can apply individually or in teams (up to 4 people).

**Selection Process for Youth Applicants**

Stage 1: The application process opens on September 30th, 2020, and closes. November 30th, 2020. Fulbright Canada will notify applicants that have been selected to proceed to round two by December 15th, 2020. Fellows will be announced on a rolling basis between December 1st and January 5th, 2021.

> **Youth applicant ideas will be assessed based on creativity, practicality, and significance in line with the key challenges. Fulbright Canada will consider diversity in the selection process.**

Stage 2: Selected applicants will present their idea to experts who will support them in forming a plan to move forward. The process will be conducted privately, and applicants will have the opportunity to apply for small competitive grants to assist them as they prepare their pitches. During this stage, the Fulbright Post-COVID Challenge Fellows act as mentors.

Stage 3: Applicants will present their idea to experts. Nine finalists will be selected.

Stage 4: Nine finalists will pitch their idea to a panel of judges. The judges will select three awards to help the youth operationalize their concept.

Stage 5: Finalists will operationalize their idea with support from the Fellows and the broader Fulbright Canada network.
Awards and Benefits

- Each team that submits a successful application will be assigned a mentor and have access, on a competitive basis, to small grants that will support the development of their idea and access to Fulbright Canada’s prestigious network of alumni.
- The overall winning team will receive a $25,000 prize, along with an all-expense-paid trip to the Fulbright Canada Post-COVID Challenge Innovation Summit.
- The second and third place winning team will receive a $10,000 prize, along with an all-expense-paid trip to the Fulbright Canada Post-COVID Challenge Innovation Summit.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES FOR FELLOWSHIP APPLICANTS

We are also seeking applications for the Fulbright Canada post-COVID Fellowship Award. This program is meant to ensure we connect fellows and youth. We are searching for experienced mentors with relevant experience to empower and support our youth participants. Successful fellows will have expertise in one or more of the three challenge areas, but, at the same time, will not be too far removed from the experiences of the youth participants. The Fellows will support the youth as they work to put their idea in motion.

Eligibility

1. Applicants must have some experience in one of the three challenge categories and demonstrate some mentorship role expertise.
2. Applicants must currently reside in Canada or the U.S.A.
3. Applicants must agree to these critical expectations:
   a. roughly 10 hours/month dedicated to the youth,
   b. attendance at the Youth Innovation Summit in the summer of 2021 (travel expenses covered in line with CRA guidelines), and
   c. adherence to Fulbright Canada’s vision for the program and our statements and policies on diversity, inclusion, integrity, and privacy (fulbright.ca)

Awards and Benefits

- Successful applicants to the Post-COVID Challenge Fellowship Program will receive a $5000 award and reasonable expenses to attend the in-person finals and the Innovation Summit.
- Access to Fulbright Canada alumni grants and our prestigious global alumni network.
TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Participants will hold harmless Fulbright Canada and all Fulbright Canada employees for any injury, accident, sickness, or other contingency, which may arise in connection with the grantee’s participation in the program.

2. Participants will honour and follow Fulbright Canada’s Diversity and Inclusion Policy and Integrity Policy.

3. Participants will ensure that all public health and safety/COVID-19 related guidelines are followed in the location where the work is taking place.

4. If your idea is chosen, and you receive funding and material resources, you must agree to the following:
   - donating all equipment and materials purchased with money to the appropriate not-for-profit community and educational institution after the project,
   - that all products resulting from this grant will remain in the public domain,
   - consulting with Fulbright Canada regarding any changes in the project or work that might impact the terms of this agreement, including but not limited to changes to the scope of the project or key partners,
   - ensuring that the funds are not used for travel or in-person events without explicit written consent from Fulbright Canada via email until otherwise notified, and
   - if you cannot complete the work, you must inform Fulbright Canada and return the funds to Fulbright Canada and donate any material resources.

Fulbright Canada reserves the right to terminate any individual’s participation in this program. Grounds for such actions include, but are not limited to, the following: violation of the laws of Canada and the U.S.A. (including provincial, state, and other local laws); misconduct; failure to complete the project due to voluntary termination; physical or mental incapacitation. If the grant is revoked or terminated on any of the grounds mentioned earlier, except physical or mental incapacitation, the grantee agrees to repay Fulbright Canada as applicable.