The Fulbright Canada Post- COVID Challenge
Application Guidelines and Terms and Conditions for Youth and Fellowship Applicants

APPLICATION GUIDELINES FOR YOUTH APPLICANTS

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The Fulbright Canada Post- COVID Challenge is an open call for youth from across Canada and the United States to provide creative ideas that aim to 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

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

Please note that applicants have the option to apply individually or in teams (up to 4 people).

Selection Process for Youth Applicants

Phase 1: Applicants will apply by January 30, 2021. Youth applicants selected for the second round will be notified directly by February 15, 2021. Fellows will be notified on a rolling basis between January and February 2021.

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Phase 2: Selected applicants will present their idea to experts who will support them in forming a plan to move forward. This 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 will begin to act as mentors.

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<th>Applicants will present their idea to experts virtually. Nine finalists will be selected.</th>
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<td>Semifinalists will work with their mentors to elaborate and expand their ideas.</td>
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<td>Phase 5:</td>
<td>Nine finalists will pitch their idea to a panel of judges during an Innovation Summit in Western Canada. The judges will present 3 awards to help the youth operationalize their ideas.</td>
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<td>Phase 6:</td>
<td>Finalists will present their idea with support from the Fellows and the broader Fulbright Canada network at Fulbright Canada’s 30th Anniversary Gala in November 2021. An overall winning team will be selected at the Gala.</td>
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**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 nine finalist teams will receive an all-expense-paid trip to the Fulbright Canada Post-COVID Challenge Innovation Summit.
- The overall winning team will receive a $25,000 prize, along with an all-expense-paid trip to the Fulbright Canada 30th Anniversary Gala.
- The second and third place winning team will receive a $10,000 prize, along with an all-expense-paid trip to the Fulbright Canada 30th Anniversary Gala.
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 experience 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 are tasked with supporting the youth as they work to put their idea in motion.

Eligibility

- Applicants must have some experience in one of the three challenge categories and demonstrate some experience in a mentorship role.
- Applicants must currently reside in Canada or the U.S.A.
- Applicants must agree to these key expectations:
  1. roughly 10 hours/month dedicated to the youth,
  2. attendance at the Youth Innovation Summit in the summer of 2021 and the Fulbright Canada 30th Anniversary Gala in November 2021 (travel expenses covered in line with CRA guidelines), and
  3. 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 along with the reasonable expenses to attend the in-person Innovation Summit and the Fulbright Canada 30th Anniversary Gala.
- 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. In the event that your idea is chosen, and you receive funding and material resources, you agree to the following:
   - donating all equipment and materials purchased with money to the appropriate not-for-profit community and/or the educational institution at the conclusion of 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 are unable to 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 an 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 above-named grounds except physical or mental incapacitation, the grantee agrees to repay Fulbright Canada as applicable.