

## FUTURE COMMUNICATORS FOUNDATION (FCF) CLIMATE ACTION ACCELERATOR

### 2022 CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

*PLEASE CIRCULATE WIDELY*

The climate crisis poses an existential threat to the survival of all species. Brought on by unchecked human development and industrial resource extraction from colonialism, the climate crisis presents a most urgent task: how to address and mitigate its impacts while redressing the ongoing conditions of exploitation that endanger people and planet alike. At the Future Communicators Foundation, we support efforts to communicate awareness of the climate crisis, its history, challenges, and solutions, particularly those attuned to the intersection of **climate**, **democracy**, and **indigeneity**. We ask students enrolled in communications programs to consider issues around climate, and to direct their research, activism, and campus efforts to address them.

**Climate Action Accelerator.** The Future Communicators Foundation provides **travel funding** up to \$1250 CAD for **one senior undergraduate** and **one graduate student** to present at a conference, workshop, teach-in, or event addressing climate and communications. We recognise that travel contributes to pollution; however, we feel that advancing the research and development of young scholars in climate communications is crucial.

**Two awards are available**, one award for senior undergraduates (3rd year and above) and one award for graduate students (enrolled in a Master's or Doctoral program).

**Eligibility.** Students must be enrolled in a Communications, Journalism, or adjacent program at a Canadian University. Work submitted must address the parameters above. Preference will be given to work addressing the role of Indigenous perspectives and democratic direct action around the climate crisis.

**Benefits.** All submitting students are admitted to our FCF Climate Action Cohort, and will receive access to the FCF Newsletter, providing information on scholarships, internships, mentorships, conferences and programs for students in Communications, Journalism, and adjacent fields, with a focus on climate, sustainability, and social justice. Students will have opportunities to participate in further outreach around climate issues by networking with our FCF cohorts of students, scholars, and partners around the globe.

## HOW TO SUBMIT

1. Complete the **Scholarship Registration** here: <https://tinyurl.com/futurecomms2022>
2. In a **single Word .docX or .PDF document**, please provide:
  - i) A maximum one-page brief, explaining which conference/event you would like to attend, and why the event and your work is important to addressing the climate crisis (max. 1 page, 8.5x11", 12 point font). If presenting, provide the presentation Abstract and Title.
  - ii) *As we value public communication skills, create a maximum **2 minute video** that explains your abstract and presentation for a lay audience. If you are not presenting, explain how the event will further your communications interests around climate. If presenting, make sure to address what question(s) and/or problem(s) your research is addressing. Innovation is welcome in presentation, approach, and design, to break down complex ideas into bite-sized chunks. Please upload to a streaming site or cloud service of your choosing and provide the URL in your application. All videos will be archived by FCF and shared online as part of our climate communications initiative.*
3. **Send completed applications**, with documents as PDF or Word .docX attachments, in an email to: [applications@futurecomms.org](mailto:applications@futurecomms.org). Please ensure to include your Name, Email, University and Department in the body of the email. Please address the email Subject as "FCF CAA Submission 2022." Incomplete submissions will not be accepted. Please do not email videos.

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 5TH, 2022**

### About the FCF

The Future Communicators Foundation (FCF) provides aspiring young professionals with scholarships, learning opportunities, and outreach programs that foster communication skills around social justice, sustainability, and civil society. The FCF is an initiative of The PR Trust, a 501(c)(6) non-profit organisation that provides knowledge and networking opportunities, student scholarships and awards programs that elevate and empower aspiring professionals and young leaders in communications. Learn more at: <http://futurecomms.org> | <http://theprtrust.org>

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