

FUTURE COMMUNICATORS FOUNDATION (FCF) CANADIAN NATIONAL CLIMATE SCHOLARSHIP

2022 CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

PLEASE CIRCULATE WIDELY

The climate crisis poses an existential threat to our biosphere. Brought on by unchecked human development, fossil fuels, and 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** in Canada. We task students enrolled in communications programs with considering these issues in their research, activism, and campus life.

Canadian National Scholarship. The Future Communicators Foundation provides two scholarships at **\$1750 CAD** for **senior undergraduates** whose research addresses climate, democracy, and Indigeneity in Canada. Priority will be given to Indigenous applicants and those whose research addresses Indigenous perspectives on ecological and sociopolitical initiatives (including land back), as well as democratic direct action around the climate crisis.

Eligibility. Students must be senior undergraduates (third year and above) enrolled in a Communications, Journalism, or adjacent-field program at a Canadian University.

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, mentors, 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 2-page brief** for a **mock campaign** addressing an aspect of the climate crisis touching upon communications, indigeneity, and democracy in Canada (max. 2 pages, 8.5 x 11", 12 point font). Up to 10 slides (a *deck*) can also be included.

 - ii) *As we value public communication skills, create a maximum 2-minute video.* Make sure to address what question(s) and/or problem(s) your research is addressing. Innovation is welcome in presentation, approach, and design that breaks 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. Please ensure to include your Name, Email, University and Department in the body of the email. Please address the email Subject as "FCF Canada Climate Action Submission 2022." Incomplete submissions will not be accepted. Please do not email videos.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 12TH, 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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