

Young Transatlantic Leadership Program

Bringing together the next generation of leaders

Call for Applications

Deadline for applications: January 26th, 2020 (10 pm ESWT)

The Young Transatlantic Leadership program is a truly transatlantic, annually rotating immersive leadership exchange. Eight participants, four from Germany and four from Canada will form the YTL20/21 cohort. Together with the YTL 19/20 cohort, the whole group will consist of seventeen participants and will visit Germany for a two-week study tour in October 2020. The program will continue in the following year when eight new participants will join the group of young leaders for a two-week tour in Canada.

We welcome applications from young professionals between the age of 27 and 37 (exceptions are welcome) of every discipline and work background, who have already stood out through their professional or personal impact in a local or regional community and showing a deep interest in promoting the transatlantic relationship.

Between October 5th and 16th, the participants will travel to Hamburg, Berlin, and Frankfurt am Main. The study tour route will begin in Hamburg on October 5th and end in Frankfurt am Main on October 16th. The interdisciplinary program will include:

- Exchange with representatives of the civil society
- Discussions with scientists from various disciplines
- Formal discussions among the participants regarding the German-Canadian and transatlantic relationship, and other topics, with representatives from different fields
- Field trips and hands-on activities

Topics that will be covered during YTL are the following:

Modern mobility solutions: The mobility demands have substantially changed over the last years. We have seen an increase in sharing services, new ways of micro mobility, and the change to sustainable mobility. In Germany, where one of the economic backbones is the automotive industry, the discussion about these new solutions is fully underway. We will define mobility in the future, we are going to visit research entities, start-ups, and well-established companies to learn from them, and see new solutions for large-scale and private mobility.

Current politics in the context of European history: 2020 marks the 30th anniversary of German reunification. In Berlin, we will explore different crucial places of this time and learn how life was in a divided city. But we will not only be looking into the past, but also towards the present and future. We will discuss the current state of European and transatlantic politics and what role Germany and Canada can play in this respect. Topics will be around the German presidency of the Council of the European Union in 2020, the UN security council, and transatlantic politics from a German perspective.

The cultural bridge across the Atlantic: Europe and Germany are well known for their rich cultural heritage. All three cities, we will be visiting, have a rich cultural life. Canada has this variety in cultural life as well. Therefore, Canada was selected to be Guest of Honor of the Frankfurt Book Fair 2020. We will learn about the artists in Germany and how they add their perspectives to the societal dialogue, but we will also hear the Canadian voice. To do so, we will visit the Frankfurt Book Fair and learn more about the varied literature scene in Canada.

Participation Cost:

The participation cost for the selected participants is 1000 euros /1500 Canadian dollars, which covers all primary costs including the following: Accommodation (for 11 nights), breakfast, all program activities, and local transportation (including transportation between Hamburg, Berlin and Frankfurt am Main). As the organizers aim to generate further funding, the cost might be reduced, and participants might get a refund of overpaid fees.

Travel to and from the Study Tour:

German participants are responsible for their travel to Hamburg and from Frankfurt and Main and Canadian participants are responsible for their travel to Hamburg and home again from Frankfurt am Main. Successful applicants will be informed in time about the final travel plans.

The selected participants can either cover the participation costs themselves or individually find sources of funding to cover the costs through applying to relevant foundations, universities, institutes, organizations and companies. In many cases, the young leaders' employers will cover the costs for them. We welcome sponsorship by companies and employers and will be happy to provide the participants with a letter of support for this purpose.

Full details of the program as well as the application and selection criteria are available online at www.ytl-initiative.org

Applications must be submitted no later than January 26th, 2020 by 10 pm (ESWT) via email (applications@ytl-initiative.org).

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