

Global Change Leaders Program:

Call for applications from Aboriginal Women Leaders in Canada

The Global Change Leaders Program is a seven-week education program offered by Coady Institute's International Centre for Women's Leadership. This program enables women from around the world to strengthen their leadership capacities in order to contribute to innovation and change in their organizations and communities. Program participants engage in learning grounded in real world experiences and focused on Coady's core thematic areas. Through a shared learning environment with other emerging women leaders from around the world, participants are exposed to a range of experiences and the beginnings of a potentially lifelong network of support.

In operation since 2011, the Global Change Leaders program provides successful candidates with a full scholarship that includes tuition, travel, accommodations, and meals. Program participants also benefit from the guidance and mentorship of accomplished women leaders from around the world. The program is led by a core team of Coady International Institute staff and supported by other Coady faculty and associates.

Program Eligibility

A scholarship is available this year to one emerging woman leader from a First Nations, Métis or Inuit community to take part in the Global Change Leaders program, along with other women leaders working on development issues around the world. Ideally, the successful candidate will

- Possess a minimum of four years of demonstrated leadership experience in a social or economic development endeavour in sectors such as livelihoods or inclusive economic development, food security, environment, access to education and health care, governance, and/or the rights of girls and women;
- Has great drive and passion for her work, demonstrated through her contributions in her organizations and communities;
- Is working in a community based organization (not for profit), or active in public or private institutions, donor/philanthropic agencies, social movements or in a social enterprise/business;
- Holds a university degree or a combination of post-secondary education and experience; and
- Has strong oral and written English language competency.

Program Schedule and Components

For 2014, the Global Change Leaders Program consists of two main components:

1. August 25 - October 10, 2014: A seven week on-site intensive course at the Coady International Institute in Antigonish, Nova Scotia where a collaborative relationship is fostered among facilitators and participants to draw out lessons and insights from their rich and diverse experiences. This consists of:

a. A foundation module, in which participants focus on leadership theories and essential competencies, analysis of gender, citizenship and power, practical understandings of these concepts and their application for women leaders within their own contexts, strengthening capacities for social innovations, partnership building in a multi-stakeholder environment, and enhancing abilities to realize citizen-driven asset-based development.

b. Electives, focusing on Coady Institute's key thematic areas of promoting accountable democracies, building resilient communities and strengthening local economies.

c. A final module, in which participants articulate an action plan for how they will take their new learning home to provide leadership in their organizations and communities and continue to work towards empowering other women moving forward.

2. October 1, 2014 - March 31, 2015: Participants will benefit from one-on-one mentoring from experienced women leaders upon their return home for up to six months to follow on the application of learning into practice. Mentors and mentees will be matched during the residency period based on specific needs and geographic locations. Participants will also join a global alumni network of women leaders.

To apply, please fill out the application form and submit on or before May 9, 2014, along with two letters of reference to:

womenlead@stfx.ca

For an application form, please visit www.curvelakefirstnation.ca and download your copy from the Flyers & Information in the News & Events section.

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Global Change Leaders Program Application Form

Part 1: Your Contact Information

Documents will be sent to the address you provide.

Title (Ms, Mrs. etc.)			
First Name		Family Name	
Name (as it appears on your passport)			
Email			
Date of Birth (dd/mmm/yyyy)			
Gender	Female		
Citizenship			
Phone Number		Secondary Phone Number	
Skype ID			
Street Address 1			
Street Address 2			
Town/City		Province/State	
Country		Postal Code	

Part 2: Your Organization

Name of Organization		
Website of Organization		
Email of Organization Contact		
Address		
Town/City		
Province/State		
Country		
Postal Code		
Is this your current employer	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If No, what is the name of your current employer?		

What type of programs does your endorsing organization conduct that relates to this certificate application?
Please answer in less than 250 words.

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How will your participation in this course benefit you and your organization? Please answer in less than 250 words.

Part 3: Your Education

Highest Education Level Completed	
Field of Study	
In what year did you complete your studies (YYYY)	
Have you had any previous leadership training?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If Yes, which program, where was it offered, and in what year?	
Your knowledge of English	Excellent

Part 4: Your Experience & Personal Statement

Please attach a current resume with your application. Include information on certificates, diplomas or degrees granted with names and locations of granting institutions; training you have undertaken; your work experience starting with your current employment/occupation, your role and responsibilities and how long you were in each position. Include relevant volunteer activities, names of organizations, and your role.

Please enter a personal statement below of no more than 500 words telling us why you think you qualify for the Global Change leaders program, what you hope to learn from it, and how you plan to use the knowledge that you will gain.

Part 5: Your References

Your application is not complete until we receive referrals from two people. Please provide their names and email addresses below. When you submit your application, they will be sent an email asking for the reference, which comes back to us directly. It is your responsibility to ensure that your references are available and that you enter their correct email address.

Those eligible to complete a reference for you are Directors of your place of employment or endorsing organization, or:

- An official of the place of employment or endorsing organization
- Head of a recognized NGO
- Owner / director or senior executive of a social enterprise or business
- School Principal / College Teacher
- Religious/Faith Leader
- Leader of a movement

Name of your First Reference	
Email of your First Reference	
Their relationship to you	
Name of your Second Reference	
Email of your Second Reference	
Their relationship to you	

Part 6: Your Relationship With Coady Institute

Have you attended any other Coady programs?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If Yes, which ones and in what years?	
Has anyone from your organization attended a Coady program?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Permissions	
Do you agree to receive official correspondence from Coady Institute by email?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If you are accepted in the program, do you agree to allow us to send your application status and contact information to the Canadian Visa Office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Thank You
Please email your completed application form to
womenlead@stfx.ca

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