

2010/2011 PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Action Canada is the only Canadian fellowship that offers both senior leadership development and cross-country conferences to enhance an understanding of Canada and public policy choices for our future. Fellows are chosen from all sectors, including business, science, government, academia and the professions.

"While different programs exist that provide aspects of both of these objectives, rarely do the two come together in such a powerful and sustained way as Action Canada."

- '07 Fellow and UBC Assistant Law Professor, Benjamin Perrin

"Action Canada offered me the foundation to build-upon my potential to positively affect public policy in Canada. This program brings together a unique coalescence of people, passion, ideas and inspiration."

- '04 Fellow and Biologist, Josh Silvertown

If you are, or if you know, one of Canada's emerging leaders, with an established record of early leadership, this is an outstanding opportunity. Successful candidates join a nation-wide network of young Canadians who have a passion to make a difference for our country. The unique Action Canada Network includes world-renowned children's rights activist **Craig Kielburger**, Engineers Without Borders co-founder **George Roter**, international human-rights lawyer **Diana Juricevic**, northern medical specialist and surgeon **Nadine Caron**, Pulse Energy co-founder, **David Helliwell** and 81 other young leaders. Links to the Action Canada network are nurtured and maintained long after the fellowship year is over as Fellows work together to build Canada's future.

Each year Action Canada offers up to 20 fellowships following a rigorous selection process. During the 2010/11 year Fellows will, over eleven months, meet in three-to-four day conferences (scheduled around weekends) on six occasions, each in a different region of Canada. Fellows will engage current leaders from business, government, the professions and academia, in sessions that further develop their leadership skills. In previous years Fellows met with such leaders as **David Emerson**, **Jeffrey Simpson**, **Sheila Watt-Cloutier**, **Phil Fontaine**, **John Parisella**, among many others.

Fellows work in teams on a policy project related to the year's theme. For 2010/11 the theme is *"**Economic Transformations: Challenges and Opportunities for Canada** – what policies should Canada implement to succeed as a strong nation?"* These projects develop teamwork, project execution and other leadership skills.

"The network and inspiration acquired through Action Canada enabled our fellowship pilot project, which addresses high school graduation rates in Canada's Territories, to become a successful, federally funded not-for-profit that engages thousands of students and professionals across Canada."

- '04 Fellow, Josh Silvertown

Fellows also will be engaged in Action Canada's signature sessions such as the Power of the Question, How Ottawa Works and Dialogue Dinners with key decisions-makers. And Fellows will hone their writing skills with some of Canada's top authors and journalists, including **Andrew Cohen**, **Roy MacGregor** and **Jacquie McNish**.

Action Canada is an exceptional experience that requires a substantial time commitment. Fellows undertake the program in addition to their regular work, graduate or professional studies. Program costs, travel, accommodation and most meal expenses are provided by Action Canada.

Explore this outstanding opportunity for you, or someone you know, to build leadership for Canada's future.