



## Canadian Commission for UNESCO Youth Advisory Group

### 2021-2023 Cohort Call for Applications

Are you a young person interested in and working on issues related to UNESCO and its activities in Canada? Are you seeking an opportunity to learn, grow and connect with a network of youth from across the country? Our Youth Advisory Group (YAG) is on the lookout for new members!

The [Canadian Commission for UNESCO](#) (CCUNESCO) is recruiting new members for a two-year term (2021-2023) on its Youth Advisory Group. The [Youth Advisory Group \(YAG\)](#) was created to ensure the meaningful engagement of youth in all of its programs and activities. Members have the opportunity to contribute their knowledge, expertise, and experiences to advancing CCUNESCO sectoral and cross-sectoral [priorities](#), including: [gender equality](#), [reconciliation](#), [youth engagement](#), freedom of expression, [safeguarding documentary heritage](#), artificial intelligence (AI) ethics, the Decade for People of African Descent, the Decade for Ocean Science for Sustainable Development, Decade for Revitalization of Indigenous Language and Culture, among others.

The YAG aims to be a collaborative and supportive environment that enables members to thrive both individually and collectively. YAG members have the potential to make active and substantive [contributions](#) to the work of CCUNESCO and its networks.

Please note this is a non-paid role, but expenses related to in-person meetings will be covered.

#### **Membership**

Members of the Youth Advisory Group will consist of young people between the ages of 18-30 from across Canada. In particular, we are on the lookout for young people that are:

- Community organizers, and activists, and leaders
- Social entrepreneurs and innovators
- Researchers and knowledge mobilizers
- Members or representatives of non-governmental and/or community organizations
- Students

## **Duration of the mandate**

Youth Advisory Group Members will be appointed for a **two-year term** starting in April 2021.

## **Application Process**

### **A. How to apply**

We want to ensure this application process is open and accessible. Each individual has a unique way of expressing themselves and their skills and talents. Applicants are welcome to complete their submission using the following link, in English or in French. You will have the option of applying in one of two ways:

- Completion of written application form;
- OR**
- Creative submission in a multimedia format, such as a video, visual artwork, or song.

### **B. Guidelines for creative submission:**

- Keep your video to a maximum of 5 minutes
- Tell us about yourself! We're excited to get to know you. How do you embody CCUNESCO/UNESCO ideals and values? What interests you about UNESCO and CCUNESCO?
- What sector (Culture, Communication & Information, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, or Education) are you particularly interested in? Why?

**Applications are due 28 March 2021 at 11:59 PM PST.**

### **C. Who can apply**

We encourage anyone with a keen interest UNESCO and its respective sectors as well as knowledge in advancing inclusion and anti-racism policies and initiatives to apply to be a member of the group. As the network continues to grow and evolve, it is essential that the group members be reflective of the communities that make up the group. We are actively seeking candidates who identify as Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour, people of diverse educational backgrounds, as well as members of other equity seeking and/or marginalized groups, such as disabled/differently abled individuals, individuals with experiences of forced displacement, individuals living in rural or remote communities, and gender and sexually diverse persons.

### **D. Decision**

The members selected for the working group will be contacted directly by the Canadian Commission for UNESCO to inform them of their participation in the group by the end of April.

**To apply for the CCUNESCO Youth Advisory Group, please click [here](#).**

# Appendix

## YAG Member Roles and Responsibilities

### I. Frequency of meetings

The Youth Advisory Group will hold one (1) face-to-face meeting a year<sup>1</sup> (travel and accommodation costs will be covered by CCUNESCO). Short virtual or teleconference meetings are also expected to advance work on some issues and/or projects when required. Members of the group may be invited to represent CCUNESCO at regional, national, or international events.

YAG members' roles and responsibilities are organized in 3 categories: Participatory, Advisory and Mobilization.

### II. Participatory

Contribute to the advancement of reflections and ideas (through reflection documents, participation in working groups, or events, etc.) and concrete initiatives related to CCUNESCO's priorities and [networks](#)

- Participate in discussions and meetings organized by CCUNESCO.
- Identify emerging issues and themes in their area of expertise, knowledge, and lived experience that could contribute to advancing CCUNESCO priorities.
- Review and comment on draft documents and tools.
- Share articles, events and news that are related to sectoral priorities with CCUNESCO staff and the YAG network.
- Organize events (for example discussion panels) under CCUNESCO patronage on themes relevant to CCUNESCO's work.
- Propose a theme for and/or write an article that is in line with CCUNESCO's priorities, as part of [CCUNESCO's IdeaLab](#).
- Engage with CCUNESCO's social media activities.
- Support and share social media campaigns organized by CCUNESCO on your social media platforms.
- Engage your networks and/or communities in CCUNESCO campaigns by inviting them to participate.
- Share CCUNESCO posts and tweets of interest to your online networks (ex: share with your followers, or repost to LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, etc.)

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<sup>1</sup> Dependent on current travel restrictions in light of the COVID-19 Pandemic. If in person meetings are not possible, a full day online meetings will take its place.

### III. Ensure efficient communications

- Maintain regular contact with CCUNESCO Program Officers.
- Keep your YAG Sectoral Working Group Lead, Chair, and/or Deputy Chair Sectoral Chair informed of relevant activities.
- Complete annual YAG activity report and survey (mandatory for all YAG members to continue active member status).

### IV. Advisory

- **Follow up on requests sent by CCUNESCO and/or the YAG Steering Committee** (for example requests for participation and/or coordination, questions, surveys, and other related items).
- Provide suggestions to strengthen youth engagement in CCUNESCO's activities.

### V. Mobilization

- Work **collaboratively** with YAG members and CCUNESCO partners to **foster a supportive and enabling environment** to advance UNESCO and CCUNESCO values and priorities.
- **Identify and facilitate possible partnerships and opportunities** (ex. events, publications, research projects, etc.) by liaising between individual professional networks or organizations and CCUNESCO on issues related to sectoral priorities.