



How to Apply for a Tyee Fellowship

Thank you for your interest in applying for a Tyee Fellowship. There are two fellowships, each having a common goal to educate and engage citizens in thinking through our shared future.

The Tyee Investigative Fellowship funds investigative research and reporting focused on BC.

While the reporting must relate directly to BC, there are no restrictions on subject matter, which may include education, the environment, discrimination, workplace rights and safety, poverty, ethics, business, science, etc.

The Tyee Solutions Fellowship funds research and reporting on promising attempts at solving problems facing BC.

These may include an emerging body of knowledge, small scale experiments or wider initiatives yielding tangible, positive results, and may include reporting outside the province if the findings are applicable here.

While the reporting must relate directly to BC, there are no restrictions on subject matter, which may include education, the environment, human rights, economics, worker safety, health, addiction, gender and sexuality, poverty, government, consumer ethics, etc.

Four recipients, chosen by **an independent advisory board**, will be announced January 31, 2008. To learn about our advisory board, visit: http://thetyee.ca/About/Donate/advisory_board.pdf

Fellowships will be \$5,000 each.

Recipients are required to produce a series of three or more articles, each article running at least 1,000 words.

Series will be published first on The Tyee, and then will be available to be published by other publications upon request.

APPLICATION INFORMATION:

To apply please send an email to fellowships@thetyee.ca with the subject line: FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

Application deadline: Midnight, December 19, 2007.

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Please provide:

A one to two page summary of your research and reporting project. Be sure to indicate whether you are applying for an Investigative or Solutions Fellowship.

Please also include:

- The anticipated subject matter and shape of the stories.
- The anticipated number of stories.
- Why this subject is important to British Columbians.
- Why your project will break new ground.
- The anticipated scope of your reporting: necessary travel, essential interviews, document searches required, etc.
- An estimate of the expenses likely involved.
- The date by which you aim to have finished the project.
- A brief resume or bio detailing your journalism experience, with at least one reference (including their email address or phone number).
- One or more writing samples demonstrating your ability to do this kind of reporting.

Note: Expenses incurred will be part of the \$5,000 fellowship amount.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

All emailed submissions are directed to the independent advisory board for the Funds. No Tyee editor or staff person reads them at any point. Members of the advisory board sign a pledge not to share any information from the submissions outside the board.

Fellows will be chosen by consensus of the advisory board, through a competitive process, after careful consideration. Members of the advisory board will read all submissions, confer, and select fellows based on these criteria:

- originality and timeliness of the idea
- relevance to British Columbians
- potential to enhance public discussion
- previous track record of journalist
- feasibility of the project based on available resources

No partisan political applications will be chosen.

OTHER INFORMATION:

Who owns the publishing rights to Fellows' work? Who owns the research?

The Tyee Fellowship Funds are charitable funds separate from The Tyee (which is not a charity).

The funds are held at and managed by Tides Canada Foundation - a national public foundation.

The independent advisory board that vets all the applications will choose four fellows. Tides Canada, the charity, will disburse fellowship grants from the two funds. Tides Canada owns the reports and publishing rights that result from the fellows' research, which, as required by Canadian charity law, are intended for broad public education; therefore, the widest possible public dissemination.

The Tyee will be afforded first publication rights to those reports, and will then, on Tides Canada's behalf, respond to requests for republication.

The fellow, or author, owns the ideas, data etc. gathered during the research and writing of the reports. After the terms of the fellowship grant have been fulfilled, and the resulting reports have been published, the fellow is free to produce new and different content (articles, books, films, etc.) from that research and to sell that content to whomever he or she wishes and keep all rights and proceeds.

When will fellowship grants be made?

Fellowships will be disbursed in parts: half at the beginning of the project, half upon completion of the project. The project is deemed completed when the draft articles have been edited into final form by a Tyee editor and approved by the fellow.

Will there be another round of Fellowships?

Our intention is to continue fundraising so that fellowships can be awarded on an annual or semi-annual basis. So please, encourage lovers of good journalism to donate! Click here for more info: <http://thetyee.ca/About/Donate>