



The Carold Institute

for the advancement of citizenship in social change

AlanThomas Fellowship

TO PROMOTE CIVIL SOCIETY AND VOLUNTARY ACTION

2010

THE CAROLD INSTITUTE

The Carold Institute for the Advancement of Citizenship in Social Change was established in 1989 with an endowment from Ms. Clare Clark, a long time participant in, and advocate for voluntary organizations in Canada. Clare Clark was an active volunteer in the Canadian Association for Adult Education (CAAE) for more than 20 years and developed a profound understanding of the connection between adult education and citizen participation in civil society. This appreciation remained with her for the rest of her life. Her legacy was the Carold Institute, whose programs are focused on furthering the understanding of voluntary action and voluntary organizations in Canada.

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THE ALAN THOMAS FELLOWSHIP TO PROMOTE CIVIL SOCIETY AND VOLUNTARY ACTION

Clare Clark entrusted her legacy to preeminent Canadian adult educator, Alan Thomas. Distinguished professor for many years at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education and author of groundbreaking books and studies on adult education, Alan played an influential role as Executive Director of the Canadian Association for Adult Education for nine years, from the early 1960's, and later as its President. He was the founding President of the Carold Institute and instrumental in its direction for more than a dozen years. The Carold Institute Fellowship was established in 2007 in his name, to honour his passionate advocacy of learning, of voluntary action and citizenship in the Canadian context. Alan passed away in 2009 and will be sorely missed by colleagues and many grateful students.

The fellowship was established to promote greater public understanding of the significance of voluntary action and to strengthen leadership for civil society and democratic/voluntary action. It is intended to provide a sabbatical to a leader in the NGO/non-profit sector, who would not normally have access to a sabbatical leave. It is hoped that the award will free the recipient, at a transitional moment in his or her professional development, to make a significant contribution to the NGO/non-profit sector through research and possible publication or dissemination in the medium of the applicant's choice (e.g. film, exhibit, performance piece).

PAST RECIPIENTS OF THE FELLOWSHIP

In 2008, Penny Goldsmith, British Columbia social justice advocate and Executive Coordinator of PovNet, received \$50,000 to prepare a casebook to help communities integrate online tools for information sharing and social justice networking into their practice.

In 2009, Vincent Greason, an adult educator, actively involved in grassroots community and labour organizations in Québec and Ontario, was awarded \$50,000 to examine the role that Québec's community-based organizations play in the collective life of Québec's community movement.

Also in 2009, Peggy Edwards, co-chair of the National Advocacy Committee of the Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign (an organization that works with the Stephen Lewis Foundation to support African grandmothers and AIDS orphans) was awarded \$50,000 to research and develop capacity in civil society for advocacy by older women.

For more information on past recipients, visit the Carold website at www.carold.ca.

New applications are invited for projects that fit within the broad scope of promoting civil society and voluntary action.

OBJECTIVES

The Carold Fellowship is designed:

- ❖ To support leaders who will advance the centrality of learning as a foundation for healthy civil society
- ❖ To strengthen networks among civil society leaders and social movements
- ❖ To add to the understanding of related issues of policy and practice
- ❖ To capture practitioners' knowledge
- ❖ To generate activities that will have a multiplier effect



ELIGIBILITY

The Carold Fellowship will be awarded to a candidate in mid-career (normally with at least 15 years of relevant NGO/not-for-profit experience, though not necessarily in one organization).

Applicants must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada, and may participate in the Fellowship in either English or French. We welcome qualified applications in either French or English, and particularly encourage applications from visible minorities, Aboriginal peoples and persons with disabilities.

Applicants must agree to the conditions of participation and must be able to make a full-time commitment during the period of the Fellowship. An expression of commitment and support by the NGO/not-for-profit organization with which the applicant is, or has been affiliated, including a contribution (financial or in-kind) is a normal condition of the award.

VALUE AND DURATION OF THE FELLOWSHIP

The maximum amount of the award will be \$60,000 for a fellowship of between 8 and 12 months (not longer than 1 year's duration). Applicants will be expected to submit a budget, keeping in mind that the intent of the fellowship is to free the recipient from other responsibilities and provide significant time for reflection and research.

The successful applicant will be expected to begin the fellowship no later than October 2010.

The goal of the Fellowship is to serve the participating individuals but also to build a broader network of researchers and practitioners. Carold Fellows are normally expected to maintain an active role in The Carold Institute activities for two years beyond the end of the fellowship.

SELECTION PROCESS

All applications will be reviewed by a selection committee and evaluated on the basis of:

- ◇ The quality of the proposed project
- ◇ A submitted portfolio demonstrating leadership achievements
- ◇ A minimum of 15 years of relevant experience
- ◇ An interview with the Carold Board of Directors in June 2010 (Shortlisted candidates will be invited to meet with the Board. All expenses will be covered by the Carold Institute)

The format for proposals is provided in the *Carold Institute Alan Thomas Fellowship Guidelines for Proposals*. Please follow these in preparing a proposal and portfolio.

DEADLINE

Please submit proposals and supporting documentation to:

**The Carold Institute
Alan Thomas Fellowship
c/o Juliet Huntly
R.R. #3
Harrowsmith, Ontario
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A Proposal and portfolio must be received prior to 4:30 PM on Friday March 26, 2010.

Announcement of the recipient of the Fellowship will be made in late **June 2010**.

For further information or to obtain a copy of the *Terms and Conditions* of the Fellowship and the *Guidelines for Proposals*, please visit the Carold website www.Carold.ca or contact Juliet Huntly at the address above or at:
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