



The Public

John Holmes Fund

Citizens are encouraged to propose relevant policy development/policy options projects. The criteria for approving public proposals for John Holmes Fund support are:

- policy relevance (projects must contribute to and advance debate on Canada's foreign policy and foreign policy needs),
- involvement of youth (as researchers, trainees, participants, rapporteurs),
- collaboration among individuals, institutions and across the academic-NGO divide.

There is a funding ceiling limit of \$20,000 for major projects and \$10,000 for smaller studies and roundtables.

Citizen proposals are reviewed regularly by a Project Committee (the Centre, the Department, Minister's office) which makes recommendations to the Minister for his approval.

Recognizing time pressures and diminishing resources available to academics and NGOs, every effort is made to be encouraging and user friendly. There is no formal application form or SSHRC style project check list. Project proposals can be short and need only to clearly state the policy relevance, goals, organization and participants of the project. Few project proposals were rejected this year. Efforts are made to discuss improvements to proposals with their authors before the proposals go to the Project Committee.

The deadline for the completion of all projects is the end of the government financial year, March 31.

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