

MAY 2024

Radical Policy School Student Invitation



THE INVITATION

Applications are open for the first Radical Policy School! The focus for the 2024 session, running throughout the month of May, is on radical relationalities toward decolonial futures.

What is the Radical Policy school?

The Radical Policy School is a tuition-free, non-accredited, educational program. This innovative program offers a radically different perspective on the study of policy through a decolonial lens backed by research and led by leading Indigenous practitioners and scholars. The Radical Policy School is grounded in theoretical learning and practical application; it aims to be rigorous, intentional, and devoted to transformation and revitalization.

Is the Radical Policy School right for me?

The Radical Policy School is an ideal program for Indigenous, Black, and racialized community helpers involved in local, place-based initiatives who are interested in expanding and deepening their knowledge on radical relationalities through intensive learning. Radical relationalities is a useful framework for cultivating and nurturing individual and collective relations with the view of shared decolonization and liberation. The Radical Policy School places a strong emphasis on building and learning about radical relationalities. This is an interactive and collaborative program with lessons that can be applied to learner's professional and personal activities and pursuits.

Students who successfully complete the Radical Policy School program will receive a Yellowhead School certificate in recognition of their achievement.

THE DETAILS

Course Schedule

The program runs throughout May 2024 with weekly synchronous online lectures and an in-person learning component. There will be four, three-hour virtual sessions. The program will conclude with a three-day intensive in-person gathering in Toronto, Ontario hosted by Yellowhead School. This is a cohort-driven curriculum, meaning students will have the opportunity to discuss and decide on curriculum topics.

Key Dates

Student Orientation Virtual Meeting: Winter 2024
Virtual Session dates: Wednesdays, May 1-22, 2024
Virtual Session times: 6 to 9 pm EST
In-Person Session date: May 28 to 30, 2024 (does not include travel days)

Location

Virtual + In-Person, Toronto, Ontario

Possible Session Topics

1. Solidarity, Coalitions, and Movements
2. Grassroots Organizing and Policy Change
3. The Role of Art in Social Movements
4. Freedom Dreaming
5. Interlocking Oppressions
6. Abolition and Radical Transformation
7. Navigating Conflict in Movements

Time Commitment

This is an intensive program that requires students to commit an average weekly time of 3-5 hours a week — three hours per week for virtual sessions and up to two hours for additional work.

Students must attend a minimum of two in order to attend the in-person gathering.

The program concludes with a three-day in-person gathering in Toronto, ON. Out-of-town students should allot two days for travel.

Students are asked to prepare a final project synthesizing course learning over the Summer.

Fees and Logistics

There are no application, enrollment, tuition, or supply fees for the Radical Policy School. Yellowhead Institute will cover the costs for students' travel, accommodation, and meal expenses to participate in the required in-person intensive session.

Students must ensure reliable, consistent access to a computer and internet connection to attend virtual sessions. Related expenses will not be covered by Yellowhead School.

Any costs relating to time away from paid employment or childcare are the responsibility of the student and will not be covered by Yellowhead School.

APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE TO PROGRAM PROCESS

How to Apply

Complete your application online at yellowheadinstitute.org/radicalrelationalities2024. Applications will be open February 1-22, 2024. We will get back to you by March 15, 2024.

Enrolment

Individuals who have received an invitation to participate in the Radical Policy School will receive instructions on how to accept the invitation in their offer letter. The deadline for confirming acceptance to the program is March 29, 2024. Students will receive an orientation package upon confirming acceptance.

This year's cohort will be small! We may invite some applicants to join a waitlist - if this is the case, those invited to do so will receive guidance on when they can expect to receive updates on their admittance to the program. This invitation to join the waitlist is not a guarantee of acceptance and is entirely dependent on the number of enrolments following the first round of invitations.

We at the Yellowhead school want to say "Thank You" for your interest and application to the Radical Policy School 2024 program.

Questions?

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