Program Information and Application Guidelines

This document outlines all the questions and information required to complete the online application for the 2024 Radical Policy School. Please use it as a reference only; when you are ready to complete and submit the application, do so online by filling this form out. All applicants are responsible for reading through the following instructions carefully and submitting the completed application form by the deadline.

If you have questions about the application form, please contact Lillian Smallboy at school@yellowheadinstitute.org.

About 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.

The Radical Policy School is an ideal program for Indigenous, Black, racialized community helpers involved in local, community- and land-based initiatives who are interested in expanding and deepening their knowledge on radical relationalities through intensive learning. The Radical Policy School is not a 'how-to' course, but the lessons can be applied to the learner’s professional and personal activities and pursuits.

Please visit our website for further information about the program schedule, curriculum, time commitment, and fees.
**Application Guidelines**

Before starting the application form, carefully review the program description available on the Yellowhead Institute website. Ensure that you meet the qualifications and expectations of this hybrid, intensive program.

Complete the personal information accurately.
- This includes your full name, contact details, and Black, Indigenous, or racialized community connections.
- Provide details about your educational, training, employment, and paid or unpaid community service background.
- Indicate your availability and interest in participating in a hybrid, intensive educational program throughout May 2024.
- Complete short answer questions indicating your interest in this program.

Before submitting, carefully review your entire application. Once you've reviewed your application form and made necessary changes, submit the application form.

*Note that all applications must be submitted via the online application form; this PDF is just a reference to help you prepare if needed.*

If you encounter any technical issues or have questions about the application form, please contact school@yellowheadinstitute.org.

After submitting your application, check your email regularly for follow-up communication from the Yellowhead School team.

**Thank you for your interest in the Radical Policy School program.**

**We look forward to reviewing your application!**
**Personal Information**

Full name

Biography - Tell us about yourself (200 word maximum)

Email

Phone Number

What is your preferred method of contact if we need to reach out about your application? Mark only one box

- [ ] Email
- [ ] Telephone

Mailing address

This program is for Indigenous, Black, and/or racialized community members. Please share what community you identify with.

Age Range

- [ ] 18-24
- [ ] 25-34
- [ ] 35-44
- [ ] 45+
- [ ] Rather not say
Western Educational Background (please note formal education is not required to participate in Yellowhead School programs) Mark only one box.

- [ ] Elementary School
- [ ] High School
- [ ] College program
- [ ] Undergraduate University
- [ ] Graduate University
- [ ] Trades Program
- [ ] Rather Not Say
- [ ] Other:

Have you participated in place- and/or land-based education workshops or programs in the past? If so, please share here:

What is your current or most recent paid or unpaid employment?

Describe some of your responsibilities and achievements in this role:

Approximately, how many years of work experience do you have? Mark only one box.

- [ ] less than 2 years
- [ ] 2 to 5 years
- [ ] 5 to 10 years
- [ ] 10 plus years
Program Interest and Time Commitment

Why are you interested in the Radical Policy School? The approach to this program centres co-creation and participatory/collaborative learning. With this in mind, what are you hoping to learn or contribute to this dynamic? (200 Word Maximum)

Do you have personal or professional experience with solidarity, coalition, or movement-building? Please describe your experience(s), your role, challenges or learnings that inform how you approach this work now. (200 Words Maximum)

How do you think the Radical Policy School can better support your community involvement or community service work? (200 Words Maximum)

Is there a topic, theme, or issue related to solidarity, coalition, and/or movement building that you would like to learn more about in this program? If so, please share here:

Have you ever taken formal/informal courses/programs on solidarity, coalition, and/or movement-building? Mark only one box.

☐ Yes
☐ No

If you answered yes to the above question, please indicate which program you attended.

Are you willing and able to commit weekly virtual sessions every Wednesday (May 1, 8, 15, and 22) from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time), an in-person gathering in Toronto, ON from May 28–30, and possibly travel days? Mark only one box.

☐ Yes
☐ No

If you answered no to the above question, please indicate what time commitment you cannot meet.

Do you understand that in order to attend the in-person gathering, you must attend a minimum of two (2) virtual sessions? Mark only one box.
Are you in a position to commit up to two (2) hours per week in preparation for the weekly virtual sessions? Mark only one box.

☐ Yes
☐ No

Will you have access to stable, consistent access to an internet connection and computer for the duration of the program? Mark only one box.

☐ Yes
☐ No

Do you foresee any barriers or challenges to the time commitment required for this program? Please let us know here, and also share how you might be able to mitigate some of these challenges. We will also do our best to support participants to participate fully.

How did you hear about this program? Mark only one box.

☐ Social Media
☐ Yellowhead Newsletter
☐ Yellowhead Invitation
☐ Word of Mouth
☐ Yellowhead Website
☐ Other:

If you were referred to this program or encouraged to apply by someone in the Yellowhead network, please let us know who referred you:

Is there anything else you would like to share with us regarding your application to the Radical Policy School?