## Misko Aki Knowledge Exchange 2025

# **Application Form Reference Guide**

Making Liveable Worlds



### **Program Information and Application Guidelines**

This document outlines all the questions and information required to complete the online application for the 2025 Misko Aki Knowledge Exchange . 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 Linda Bùi at <a href="mailto:school@yellowheadinstitute.org">school@yellowheadinstitute.org</a>.

#### **About the Misko Aki Knowledge Exchange**

The Misko Aki Knowledge Exchange is a tuition-free, non-accredited, educational program. This innovative program explores the many ways academics, artists, and activists make liveable worlds informed by Indigenous and decolonial perspectives and research. The Misko Aki Knowledge Exchange is grounded in theoretical learning and practical application; it aims to be rigorous, intentional, and devoted to transformation and revitalization. The lessons of this interactive and collaborative program can be applied to learner's professional and personal activities and pursuits.

The Misko Aki Knowledge Exchange 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 the theory and practice of making liveable worlds and what it means to refuse conditions of settler colonialism, racial capitalism, and climate injustice. Applicants are not required to have completed any level of formal education. MAKE 2025 encourages applications from those who have been excluded from formal learning opportunities. This Indigenous-led, place-based program will allocate 50% of enrolment opportunities to Indigenous applicants and prioritize residents of the Greater Toronto Area (GTA).

Please visit our website for further information about the program.

#### **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 2025.
- 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 <a href="mailto:school@yellowheadinstitute.org">school@yellowheadinstitute.org</a>.

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

Thank you for your interest in the Misko Aki Knowledge Exchange program.

We look forward to reviewing your application!

# **Personal Information** Full name **Pronouns** Biography - Tell Us About Yourself (200 word maximum) Email **Phone Number** Place of Residence (E.g. First Nation, town, city) 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 **Education, Training, Employment, and Paid and Unpaid Community Service Experience** Western Educational Background (please note formal education is not required to participate in Yellowhead School programs) ☐ 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 indicate which program you attended:
Have you ever taken formal/informal courses/programs on solidarity, coalition, and/or movement-building? Ilf so, please indicate which program you attended:
Describe your current or most recent paid or unpaid labour/life-making activity?
Approximately, how many years of work experience do you have?  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 Misko Aki Knowledge Exchange? (200 Word Maximum)
How do you think the Misko Aki Knowledge Exchange can better support your community involvement or community service work? (200 Words Maximum)
Are you willing and able to commit weekly virtual sessions every Thursday (May 1, 8, 15, and 22) from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. EDT, 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?
☐ Yes

Is there anything else you would like to share with us regarding your application to the Misko Aki Knowledge Exchange ?
If you were referred to this program or encouraged to apply by someone in the Yellowhead network please let us know who referred you:
☐ Yellowhead Website ☐ Other:
☐ Yellowhead Invitation ☐ Word of Mouth
☐ Social Media ☐ Yellowhead Newsletter
How did you hear about this program?
Do you foresee any barriers or challenges to the time commitment required for this program?
□ No
□ Yes
Will you have access to stable, consistent access to an internet connection and computer for the duration of the program?
☐ Yes ☐ No
Are you in a position to commit up to two (2) hours per week in preparation for the weekly virtual sessions?
□ No