



*Bringing together the next generation of leaders*

**Call for Applications**

Deadline for applications: April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (10 pm EDT)

The YTL program is a truly transatlantic, annually rotating immersive leadership exchange. Eight participants, four from Germany and four from Canada will form the YTL22/23 cohort. Together with the previous cohorts, the whole group will consist out of fourteen participants and will visit Germany for a two-week study tour in September 2022. The program will continue in the following year when eight new participants will join the group of young leaders for a two-week tour in Canada.

We welcome applications from young professionals between the age of 27 and 37 (exceptions are welcome) of every discipline and work background, who have already stood out through their professional or personal impact in a local or regional community and showing a deep interest in promoting the transatlantic relationship.

Between September 11<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, the participants will travel to Munich and Berlin. The study tour route will begin in Munich on September 11<sup>th</sup> and end in Berlin on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. The interdisciplinary program will include:

- Exchange with representatives of the civil society
- Discussions with scientists from various disciplines
- Formal discussions among the participants regarding the German-Canadian and transatlantic relationship, and other topics, with representatives from different fields
- Field trips and hands-on activities

Topics that will be covered during YTL are the following:

Modern Mobility solutions: The demand for new mobility means has substantially changed over the last years. We have seen an increase in sharing services, new ways of micro mobility, and the change to sustainable mobility. In Germany, where one of the economic backbones is the automotive industry, the discussion about these new solutions is fully underway. To explore how and with which different types, we will define our mobility in the future, we are going to visit research entities, start-ups, and well-established companies to learn from them, and see new solutions for large scale and private mobility.

Current politics in the context of European history: 2020 marked the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the German reunification. Being in Berlin, we will explore different crucial places of this time and learn how life was in a divided city. But we are not only looking into the past but also in the present and future. Given the current developments in Eastern Europe, we will discuss the current state of European and transatlantic politics. Topics will be around the German presidency of G7, security policies, and transatlantic politics from a German perspective.

The cultural bridge across the Atlantic: Europe and Germany are well known for their rich cultural heritage. All three cities, which we will visit, have a rich cultural life. Canada has this variety in cultural life as well. We will include a number of cultural events, visits and talks to this year's program as well.

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Participation Cost:

The participation cost for the selected participants is 1100 EUR /1550 CAD, which covers all primary costs including the following: Accommodation (for 12 nights), breakfast, all program activities, and transportation between Munich and Berlin. As the organizers aim to generate further funding, the cost might be reduced, and participants might get a refund of overpaid fees.

Travel to and from the Study Tour:

German participants are responsible for their travel to Munich and from Berlin and Canadian participants are responsible for their travel to Munich and home again from Berlin. The organizers will work on a joint flight for the Canadian participants from Canada to Munich and back to Canada with special discounts. Successful applicants will be informed in time about the final travel plans.

The selected participants can either cover the participation costs themselves or individually find sources of funding to cover the costs through applying to relevant foundations, universities, institutes, organizations and companies. In many cases, the young leader's employer will cover the costs for them. We welcome sponsorship by companies and employers and will provide the participants with a letter of support for this purpose.

Full details of the program, as well as the application and selection criteria, are available online at [www.ytl-initiative.org](http://www.ytl-initiative.org)

Applications must be submitted no later than 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022 by 10 pm (EDT) via e-mail ([applications@ytl-initiative.org](mailto:applications@ytl-initiative.org)).

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