



Philanthropic
foundations
Canada

MEMBERSHIP
INFORMATION

AT YOUR SERVICE

Looking for tools to help you with your grantmaking? We have good grantmaking and governance guidelines, sample grant request applications and reports, suggestions for grants management software and more.

Looking for tools to help you manage your foundation operations? We have good governance guidelines, sample job descriptions, benchmark salary surveys and more.

Need help managing change in your foundation? Succession planning? Want to rethink your foundation grantmaking strategy? Looking for a philanthropy consultant? We can suggest resources to help you manage the transition.

Have a tax or legal question? Confused about CRA rules and regulations? If we don't have the information, we will refer you to someone who does.

Looking for foundations that have similar interests or who are engaged in a particular geographical area? Poverty? Youth? Environment? International development? By province? We can do the research for you or you can find your peers through PFC's Member Hub online.

Have a query that you would like to put to your PFC peers? Let us know and we can provide customized support to help you find the information you need.

New to philanthropy? Need current information on the sector? Consult our website, participate in our professional development webinars, workshops and biennial philanthropy conference to connect with other foundation directors, trustees and staff.

“PFC has been an indispensable ‘go to’ resource to help me learn more about the philanthropic sector. PFC provides me with current information, tools, advice and resources which are extremely relevant to our foundation.”

Lucie Santoro, Administration Director
Martin Aboriginal Education Initiative
Montreal

For more information contact the Director of Member Services at lgoulet@pfc.ca • 514-866-5446

HOW TO JOIN

APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP

Verify your eligibility and submit an application form. Applications are reviewed promptly by PFC staff and a committee of the PFC Board.

FACTORS BEARING ON ELIGIBILITY

- ▶ No recorded evidence of lawsuits, federal or provincial investigations, the subject of which might reflect in a negative way on PFC
- ▶ Agreement with the PFC Statement of Values and Ethical Principles
- ▶ Adherence to the PFC non-solicitation policy below

The Board of PFC reserves the right to decline an application based on any evidence of lawsuits, or legal violations by the organization.

NON-SOLICITATION POLICY

In general, a PFC member is not permitted to solicit financial contributions from other members for their own activities, projects or programs. Solicitation is defined as a request for funds by verbal or written communication, the distribution of e-mails, circulars, proposals or other literature of any kind.

This policy does not apply where a PFC member is seeking collaboration with other members in a funding or granting partnership to benefit a third party or parties. If a PFC member violates the non-solicitation policy, it will be contacted by the Chair of the Board of Directors of PFC.

Failure to observe this policy could result in expulsion from the association. Responsibility for interpreting and implementing the policy shall reside with the Chair of the Board of Directors of PFC, after consultation with the executive committee.

“We can see extraordinary opportunities for private philanthropy in the coming decade. PFC will be the platform to help realize those opportunities for a growing philanthropic field.”

J. Alexander Houston, President and CEO
The George Cedric Metcalf Charitable Foundation
Toronto

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

MEMBER HUB

Our searchable Member Hub has information on the granting interests of PFC members. Find and contact potential PFC colleagues and peers with common funding interests and take advantage of our national network of grantmakers for exploring and sharing ideas and strategies.

WEBSITE

PFC's website is an interactive platform for you to access news about PFC and its members. See what is happening in philanthropy, in Canada and across the world. The site has an exclusive, password protected Member Area for exploring and engaging with fellow grantmakers.

WORKSHOPS

PFC provides educational opportunities on grantmaking practice through its webinars and workshops. Our webinar series is designed primarily for grantmakers to support them in enhancing their technical knowledge or their management and grantmaking practices.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Through PFC's annual conference, members stay up to date on issues and trends in philanthropy nationally and internationally. As a part of an international network of grantmaker associations, PFC alerts Canadian foundations to what is happening in global philanthropy.

AFFINITY GROUPS

PFC hosts funder affinity groups with a shared interest in a particular subject or funding area, providing opportunities to meet, share information, and encourage collaboration.

SERVE ON A COMMITTEE

There are many ways for you to get involved with PFC. Become a board member or serve on one of our committees. Any opportunity you choose will not only benefit your personal growth but also your organization, our association and the other members it serves.

SHARE STORIES

Share your story with our membership about a project, program or issue you are working on. We will edit and design the story for you and post it on our website, and share it on our social media channels.

“The information we receive from PFC helps us stay up-to-date on the latest developments in philanthropy and connected to important work across the country. We count on PFC for thoughtful, well-informed analysis of the issues which affect our sector.”

Michelle Clarke, Executive Director
Burns Memorial Fund
Calgary



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