

CHANGEUP GRANTS GUIDELINES

ChangeUp grants aim to create opportunities for young people aged 18 to 34 to explore creative solutions that actively address issues of discrimination and prejudice in their communities.¹

We aim to support these young agents of change to **open minds and shift attitudes** that perpetuate prejudice and exclusion based on ethnicity, race, or religion through the implementation of creative strategies.

Why young change leaders?

Young people are our future. This has always been true. However, there has never been a generation as educated, connected, diverse, and self-starting as today's 18-to-34-year-olds. They are facing a world which is unpredictable economically, unsustainable environmentally, and stubbornly unequal socially and politically.

Inspirit Foundation has been particularly interested in supporting and connecting diverse young people who are working in and around issues of discrimination and prejudice based on background and belief. We have found that some of the most innovative and effective young people are those who have personal experience with issues of discrimination and exclusion themselves.

What is eligible through this program?

To be eligible to apply, a project will need to:

- be led and driven by young people between the ages of 18 and 34
- be led by young people who have personal experience with issues being addressed in the proposed initiative
- aim to **open minds and shift attitudes** that perpetuate prejudice and exclusion based on ethnic, cultural, or religious difference
- impact people and communities in Canada
- wrap up within a 12-month period

Ideal projects would also:

- implement media and/or arts-based strategies to help achieve outcomes
- address at least one of our **issue areas** (please read our FAQ)
- aim to build bridges across lines of ethnic, cultural, or religious difference
- create opportunities for new partnerships or strengthened relationships
- involve and bring attention to the work and perspectives of diverse young change leaders
- engage community leaders, decision-makers, or other influencers

Amount of the grant

\$10,000 toward eligible project costs.

¹ The underlined text above is taken from the draft strategic plan, *ChangeUp* (2015)

Key things we're looking for in an application:

- It clearly illustrates a vision for success.
- It is informed by evidence.
- The activities proposed are likely to achieve the desired outcomes.
- The applicant is well-suited to lead or drive this project based on lived and/or professional experience, organizational focus and practice, and/or contextual expertise.
- There is potential for the results or impact of the project to resonate beyond the granting period.

How to apply

Applications are made **online through our website**. Please note that we only assess one project idea from an applicant at a time, so if you've submitted an application but your ideas evolve or change while under review, please let us know as soon as possible. A committee of the Board of Directors makes grant decisions three times per year — in April, July, and October.

You are welcome to get in touch with our **Program Manager** before you start your application to ensure that your ideas fit with the objectives and priorities of this program.

For further information about our grants or our process, please refer first to our **Frequently Asked Questions**. If you still have questions, please contact our **Program Manager**.