

Southern Speakers Fund

Application Guidelines



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(can also be found here: www.acic-caci.org/southern-speakers-fund)

Purpose

The purpose of the ACIC Member Southern Speakers Symposium Fund is to provide opportunities for Southern partners to dialogue with Atlantic Canadians on issues and demonstrate impact of efforts in international cooperation.

ACIC will make funds available to support the participation of international guests to the region to speak at ACIC's annual symposium from **Thurs. June 18 to Sat. June 20 in Antigonish, NS**. Funds can be used for both international as well as regional travel costs. The ACIC member will be responsible for organizing travel logistics and providing funds for the speaker. Please note, however, that meals and accommodation during the symposium will be covered by ACIC¹. ACIC would be pleased to provide accompanying letters of support where required for travel visas.

Up to **\$3,000** is available to help cover travel costs associated with having the Southern partner visit Atlantic Canada.

ACIC member applicants are encouraged to consider how the individual's background and area of work pertain to the overall theme of the symposium. Please note, however, that there are many intersecting issues arising from the theme that we have chosen which will attract broad-based participation as well as a spectrum of contributing expertise.

Though not a requirement, consideration will be given to the value added to the ACIC member's work or additional public engagement opportunities that may exist in conjunction with the speaker's participation in the ACIC symposium.

Symposium Theme

Just Climate Action: Gender, Democracy, and Local Movements

Coady International Institute, Antigonish, NS
Thurs. June 18-Sat. June 20, 2020

The theme of this year's ACIC Symposium "Just Climate Action: Gender, Democracy, and Local Movements" is intended to help us reflect on dimensions of justice as we take action towards a sustainable future. The ACIC Symposium will unpack and explore various dimensions of justice and action regarding climate change, at both a local and global level. This includes exploring aspects of gender, democratic, and legalistic justice, rights-based approaches, citizen-led approaches, advocacy and social accountability, and local/global conceptions of justice. These are at times complementary, and perhaps more frequently in tension as youth, grassroots movements, Indigenous people, business, INGOs and multinationals grapple with (or deny) the reality of a changing world. In times of intense reactions and counter-reactions, complements and tensions need to be identified and discussed to fully realize the challenges and opportunities we face in a world that will soon be uninhabitable for many.

¹ As these costs are covered by the symposium registration fee, the fee will be waived for the selected speaker. Note, however, that registration through the symposium website will still be required for information purposes.

In ACIC's Symposium, we will discuss what justice means in the context of climate change, how we as citizens can develop local and global strategies to counteract it, and the structural inequalities that must be transformed for a just climate transition. We encourage participants to consider how climate change and justice are related to their work – both programmatic but also in terms of greenwashing, intergenerational equity, organizational reactions to climate change (carbon offsets, advocacy, etc.) and more.

The ACIC Symposium will provide a rich networking and learning environment where a combination of keynote speakers, panel discussions, and workshops bring participants together around specific themes and issues. The aim of ACIC's Symposium is to strengthen individual and collective capacity and highlight and celebrate important work being done in the Atlantic. It will also increase dialogue on making connections between the issues and the actions necessary to create a sustainable future, both locally and globally. Participants will include international cooperation practitioners, youth, Indigenous leaders, local governments, feminists, environmentalists, issue-specific experts, advocates, and academics.

Eligibility

- Proposals must be submitted by an ACIC regular member (not individuals) or non-profit organizations based in the Atlantic.
- ACIC accepts funding proposals from members in good standing – payment of membership dues must be up to date.
- Applicants must not have any outstanding final reports still to submit from previous ACIC-funded projects.
- Previous Southern Speakers are not eligible.

Submission Deadlines

All proposals must be received by **4:00 pm (AST) March 2nd**. Application forms can be found here: www.acic-caci.org/southern-speakers-fund.

A selection committee will review all proposals after the deadline and results will be announced in mid May. Completed applications may be sent to janelle@acic-caci.org.

Reporting

A financial and brief narrative report is due by **December 31st, 2020**.

Please note that the Application Form is an online form found [HERE](#) under APPLY.