

CANADAMEETSGERMANY

a forum for young leaders

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS 2008/2009

A Program Organized by the *Institute for Cultural Diplomacy (ICD)*
Deadline for applications: June 12th, 2008

April 18th, 2008

The *Institute for Cultural Diplomacy* is pleased to announce the Call for Applications for the sixth year of the **Canada Meets Germany – A Forum for Young Leaders (CMG)** program. Twelve new participants, six Canadians and six Germans, will join the group of twelve current young leaders for a weeklong study tour in Canada in September/October 2008. The program will continue the following year, when the 2008/2009 participants will join a new group of young leaders for a one-week tour in Germany.

We welcome applications from young professionals between the age of 28 and 38 of every discipline, including economics, politics, science, education, culture and media, who are interested in being part of a sustainable interdisciplinary network to foster the bilateral relations between the two countries.

Between September 28th and October 4th, 2008 the participants will travel to Toronto, London, Ottawa and Montreal. The interdisciplinary program will include:

- guest speakers from the fields of business, government, academia, science and technology, culture and media;
- exposure to various aspects of national culture (history, music, arts);
- formal discussions among the participants regarding the German-Canadian relations and other themes, with representatives from the fields of business, government, culture, science and media;
- informal thematic discussions and planning sessions for joint initiatives following the study tour;
- a workshop on cultural diplomacy at the University of Western Ontario.

Canada Meets Germany is an interdisciplinary network program, which in addition to the study tours includes local events and initiatives, to be organized between network members in the two countries.

Participation in the program is free of charge. However, accepted participants will be responsible for the organization and payment of travel to and from the study tour and will be required to cover partial travel expenses within the study tour and partial costs of accommodation and meals. Upon acceptance to the program, participants may apply for scholarships and financial assistance. 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 now available online at www.canadameetsgermany.org. Applications must be submitted no later than **June 12th, 2008**.

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