



The Carold Institute  
La Fondation Carold

# Alan Thomas Fellowship

TO PROMOTE CIVIL SOCIETY AND VOLUNTARY ACTION

**ESTABLISHED IN 2007 TO PROMOTE GREATER PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF THE SIGNIFICANCE OF VOLUNTARY ACTION AND TO STRENGTHEN LEADERSHIP FOR CIVIL SOCIETY AND DEMOCRATIC/VOLUNTARY ACTION.**

The fellowship is intended to provide a sabbatical to a leader in the NGO/not-for-profit sector, who would not normally have access to a sabbatical leave. It is hoped that the award will free the recipient, at a transitional moment in his or her professional development, to make a contribution to the sector, through research and possible publication or dissemination in the medium of the applicant's choice.

The award celebrates the legacy of preeminent Canadian adult educator, Alan Thomas, founding President of the Carold Institute, and honours his passionate advocacy of learning, of voluntary action and citizenship in the Canadian context.

## ELIGIBILITY

- Awarded to a candidate in mid-career (normally with at least 15 years of relevant NGO/not-for-profit experience).

Applicants must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada, and may participate in the Fellowship in either English or French. We welcome applications in either French or English, and particularly encourage applications from visible minorities, Aboriginal peoples and persons with disabilities.

## VALUE AND DURATION OF THE FELLOWSHIP

- A maximum of \$60,000 for a fellowship of 8 to 12 months (maximum one year's duration)

The intent of the fellowship is to free the recipient from other responsibilities and provide significant time for reflection and research. The successful applicant will be expected to begin no later than October 2012.

A goal of the award is to build a broad network of researchers and practitioners. Carold Fellows are normally expected to maintain an active role in The Carold Institute for two years beyond the end of the fellowship.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications are invited for projects that fit within the scope of promoting civil society and voluntary action. Consult the *Alan Thomas Fellowship Guidelines for Proposals* at [www.carold.ca](http://www.carold.ca) or contact the Carold Institute (at the address below), and follow these guidelines in preparing an application.

Proposals must be received electronically, before 4:30 PM on **Friday March 30, 2012**. Announcement of the recipient of the 2012 Fellowship will be made in late June 2012.

The Carold Institute was established in 1990 to promote and fund research on charitable activities in Canada and to carry out broad education on the history and significance of the Canadian voluntary sector. Our purpose has been to create open spaces where citizens can be more deeply involved in social change, and further their understanding of voluntary action.

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