

Young Diplomats of Canada Delegation Application - WTO Public Forum and WBG-IMF Annual Meetings 2024

Young Diplomats of Canada (YDC) is a non-partisan, non-profit, youth-led organization that equips and empowers young leaders to contribute to and participate in global decision-making spaces.

YDC is currently recruiting delegates for the 2024 delegations for the World Trade Organization Public Forum (WTO) and the World Bank Group-International Monetary Fund Annual Meetings (WBG-IMF Annual Meetings). We have included more information about each delegation within the application.

The deadline to submit an application is 11:59pm (PT) on Monday, May 6, 2024.

Questions? [Check out our FAQ.](#)

* Indicates required question

1. Email *

2. Interview Availability *

All applicants must be available between Sunday, June 16 and Wednesday, June 19, 2024 for a 30-minute Google Meets interview. If selected, these interviews will be confirmed by Thursday, June 13, 2024. Please pay close attention to your inboxes and junk email folders.

Mark only one oval.

I agree

I would need an accommodation for a different interview date

3. Acknowledging that the interview period overlaps with Eid El-Adha, if you will be observing Eid El-Adha, please indicate which dates you would be available to conduct an interview.

Check all that apply.

- Sunday, June 16 (morning/early afternoon EDT)
- Monday, June 17 (evening EDT)
- Tuesday, June 18 (evening EDT)
- Wednesday, June 19 (evening EDT)

4. Interview Availability (Time Zone) *

In which [time zone](#) will you be based in June 2024?

This information will be used to schedule your interview during lunchtime or after 5:00pm in your time zone. We have included an example city, the time zone, and the [Coordinated Universal Time \(UTC\)](#) beside each option.

Mark only one oval.

- Vancouver - Pacific Standard Time (PST) UTC -8
- Edmonton - Mountain Standard Time (MST) UTC -7
- Winnipeg - Central Standard Time (CST) UTC -6
- Toronto - Eastern Standard Time (EST) UTC -5
- Halifax - Atlantic Standard Time (AST) UTC -4
- St. John's - Newfoundland Standard Time (NST) UTC -3:30
- Other time zone (clarify in next question)

5. Other Time Zone

If you will not be located in one of the above time zones, please indicate the city and country in which you will be based in June 2024.

Example: Berlin, Germany

6. Do you hold Canadian citizenship or are a permanent resident of Canada? *

Please note that only Canadian citizens and permanent residents are eligible for YDC delegations.

Each applicant must meet the proper visa and entry requirements to enter the host country before submitting the application. YDC will not be responsible for securing visas.

Mark only one oval.

- Yes, I hold Canadian citizenship
- Yes, I am a permanent resident of Canada
- No

7. To ensure YDC is able to offer opportunities to as many young leaders as possible, * **alumni of previous YDC delegations are not eligible to participate in another official delegations.**

Have you previously participated in an official YDC delegation?

Mark only one oval.

- No, I have NOT previously participated in a YDC delegation
- Yes, I have previously participated in a YDC delegation

Personal Information

YDC collects personal information for three reasons:

1. To communicate application results and next steps to applicants
2. To help us understand the demographics of applicants
3. To recruit delegations that represent the diversity of youth in Canada today

8. First Name (Legal) *

9. First Name (Preferred)

10. Last Name (Legal) *

11. Current Age *

All applicants must be between the ages of 18 and 30 at the time of the Event.

Mark only one oval.

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12. Phone Number *

Please include the country code and area code.

ex. +1 (709) 555-5555

13. What is your first official language? *

According to the *Official Languages Act*, this refers to the first official language (English or French) spoken by a person, regardless of whether their mother tongue is a non-official language.

Mark only one oval.

English

French

14. What is the level of your second official language?

The level of your second official language is based on self-declaration and may be verified during the interview stage. Please note that English is the working language of the delegations. For this reason, an advanced level of English is required to participate in the delegation.

Mark only one oval.

N/A

Beginner

Intermediate

Advanced

15. In what language would you prefer to conduct an interview? *

Mark only one oval.

English

French

16. With which gender identity do you most identify?

Please check all that apply

Check all that apply.

- Female
- Male
- Trans female
- Trans male
- Trans
- Gender variant / Genderqueer / Agender / Non-binary
- Two-Spirit
- Prefer not to answer
- Other: _____

17. Which pronouns would you prefer we use in our correspondence?

Mark only one oval.

- He/him
- She/her
- They/them
- Other: _____

18. Do you identify as a member of a visible minority community?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer

19. Do you identify as a member of the 2SLGBTQI+ community?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer

20. Do you identify as a person with a disability?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer

21. Do you identify as an Indigenous or Aboriginal person?

Check all that apply.

- First Nations (within Canada)
- Inuk (Inuit) (within Canada)
- Métis (within Canada)
- Prefer not to answer
- No
- Other: _____

22. Do you currently, or have you previously, lived on a First Nations reserve or in a community governed by land claims or self-government agreements?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer

23. What kind of community do you live in? *

The population centre names and codes follow the "[Population Centre and Rural Area Classification 2016](#)" guidelines from Statistics Canada.

Mark only one oval.

- Large urban population (population over 100,000)
- Medium population centre (population between 30,000 and 99,999)
- Small population centre (population between 1,000 and 29,999)
- Rural area (population under 1,000)

24. Where do you currently reside? *

Mark only one oval.

- Newfoundland and Labrador
- Prince Edward Island
- Nova Scotia
- New Brunswick
- Quebec
- Ontario
- Manitoba
- Saskatchewan
- Alberta
- British Columbia
- Yukon
- Northwest Territories
- Nunavut
- Outside of Canada

25. Which province or territory do you feel most connected to? *

We are interested in knowing where you have the strongest ties in Canada, understanding that the place you feel most connected with personally is not necessarily where you were born.

Mark only one oval.

- Newfoundland and Labrador
- Prince Edward Island
- Nova Scotia
- New Brunswick
- Quebec
- Ontario
- Manitoba
- Saskatchewan
- Alberta
- British Columbia
- Yukon
- Northwest Territories
- Nunavut

26. Would you like to provide additional information about the place in Canada to which you hold the strongest ties?

The place you enter will not necessarily be your place of birth. Rather, we are interested in the place to which you feel most personally connected within Canada.

Example: Halifax, NS

27. What is your highest level of education? *

Mark only one oval.

- Secondary or high school (in progress)
- Secondary or high school (completed)
- College diploma or vocational education, including CEGEP (in progress)
- College diploma or vocational education, including CEGEP (completed)
- Bachelor's degree (in progress)
- Bachelor's degree (completed)
- Master's degree (in progress)
- Master's degree (completed)
- Professional post-graduate degree, e.g. LLB/JD, MD (in progress)
- Professional post-graduate degree, e.g. LLB/JD, MD (completed)
- Doctorate degree (in progress)
- Doctorate degree (completed)
- Other - please clarify in the next questions

28. Institution - Highest Level of Education

Example: Dalhousie University

29. Program - Highest Level of Education

Example: Master of Arts in Political Science, Specialization in International Security and Global Trade

30. Year of Graduation - Highest Level of Education

Please indicate the year of graduation or expected year of completion of your highest level of education.

Delegation Preferences

The following application section asks about your delegation preferences. **While your preferences will be taken into account, please note that you may be selected for any of the delegations in which you express an interest.**

Delegation Time Commitments

Delegation Type	Key Functions	Time Commitment	Deliverables
Advocacy	Advocate & impact	High (3-10 hours per week)	Required
ECOSOC	Engage & connect	Medium (2-6 hours per week)	Required
Observer	Listen & learn	Lower (1-3 hours per week)	Required

LISTEN AND LEARN: Observer Delegations

WTO Public Forum, WBG-IMF Annual Meetings

Are you eager to delve deeper into topics such as international trade, development finance, and sustainable growth? Do you want opportunities to ask big questions to world leaders and engage in meaningful conversations? **Observer delegations** offer these experiences and much more!

Observer delegations attend international events as youth observers to learn from high-level discussions. YDC sends observer delegations to the **Annual Meetings of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank Group (WBG)**, and the **World Trade Organization (WTO) Public Forum** in Geneva.

WTO Public Forum

YDC is recruiting up to six (6) Canadian leaders between the ages of 18 and 30 to attend the 2024 WTO Public Forum, to be hosted in Geneva, Switzerland **September 10-13, 2024**.

The Public Forum is the WTO's largest annual outreach event, which provides a platform for participants to discuss the latest developments in world trade and to propose ways of enhancing the multilateral trading system. The event regularly attracts over 1,500 representatives from civil society, academia, business, the media, governments, parliamentarians and inter-governmental organizations.

Details for the 2024 Public Forum will be shared by the WTO closer to the Forum dates.

Please visit the WTO website for [more information on the Public Forum](#).

WBG-IMF Annual Meetings

YDC is recruiting up to six (6) young Canadian leaders to attend the 2024 WBG-IMF Annual Meetings, to be hosted at the WBG-IMF Headquarters in Washington, DC, from October 25-27, 2024.

The WBG-IMF Annual Meetings bring together central bankers, ministers of finance and development, parliamentarians, private sector executives, representatives from civil society organizations and academics to discuss issues of global concern. At the heart of the event are the Annual Meetings' plenary speeches, the joint WBG-IMF Development Committee, and the IMF International Monetary and Financial Committee. Other featured events include regional briefings, press conferences, and forums focused on the global economy, international development, and the world's financial markets. The Annual Meetings will build off the 2024 Spring Meetings.

Please visit the WBG website for [more information on the WBG-IMF Annual Meetings](#).

31. Please indicate which delegation(s) you are applying for: *

Mark only one oval.

- WTO Public Forum
- WBG-IMF Annual Meetings
- WTO Public Forum and WBG-IMF Annual Meetings

32. If you are applying to multiple summits, please select your first-choice summit:

Mark only one oval.

- WTO Public Forum
- WBG-IMF Annual Meetings

33. If you are applying to multiple summits, please select your second-choice summit:

Mark only one oval.

- WTO Public Forum
- WBG-IMF Annual Meetings

YDC Observer Delegations Delegations

34. Current issues of global concern include the world economic outlook, poverty eradication, economic development, aid effectiveness, and inclusive growth.

With global issues such as these in mind, what are the main challenges surrounding a key issue economic or financial issue impacting young people? What policy solutions can Canada bring to the international discussion?

Maximum 1300 characters

Please feel free to highlight personal experiences related to the challenge and/or actions highlighted in your response.

35. WTO Public Forum and WBG-IMF Annual Meetings Time Commitment

Observer delegations attend international events as youth observers to learn from high-level discussions. The core activity of observer delegations is for delegates to listen to and interact with experts from around the world, to gain deeper knowledge in a given field.

With participants from many sectors, including NGOs, media, government, academia, and business, our delegates break down barriers and strengthen their networks. Observer delegations provide a fantastic networking experience.

Delegates are expected to attend Summit sessions and participate in meetings with stakeholders on the ground during the week of the Summit. These delegations represent an excellent learning opportunity for anyone who is interested in international trade and finance, as well as comparative public policy.

Example busy week	Example slow week
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Weekly delegation meeting (1 hour)• Stakeholder meetings (1-2 hours)• Internal/external correspondence (30 minutes) Total: 2.5-3.5 hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Weekly delegation meeting (1 hour) Total: 1 hour

Check all that apply.

I agree

36. WTO Public Forum and WBG-IMF Annual Meetings Costs

Please note that there will be no participation fee to attend the WTO Public Forum and WBG-IMF Annual Meetings.

Delegates are responsible for their own accommodation costs while on the ground in Geneva or Washington, DC, and other costs associated with the delegation such as meals and local transportation.

Delegates may be expected to cover travel costs to and from the summit location. YDC will provide fundraising support and tools to each delegate, as requested, and will notify candidates/delegates if further support is available.

By submitting an application, you confirm that you are able to independently fund all individual costs that you may incur during the WTO Public Forum and/or WBG-IMF Annual Meetings.

Check all that apply.

I agree

Delegation Roles

Two (2) delegates from each delegation will be offered a special coordination role. YDC will use application responses and interview questions to determine which delegates will be offered each role. Applicants who do not express an interest in either role will still be considered for the delegation.

37. Are you interested in serving as a **Head Delegate**?

The Head Delegate (HD) is the main point of contact between the delegation and the YDC Executive. The HD is in charge of organizing internal calls to prepare delegates for the Forum. The HD is also responsible for scheduling meetings with high-level stakeholders on behalf of the delegation, in close collaboration with the YDC Program Coordinator. The HD is the chief spokesperson of the YDC Delegation at meetings with important stakeholders including Canadian and foreign ministers, embassies, media, and other institutions.

Check all that apply.

	Yes	No
<hr/> WBG- IMF Annual Meetings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<hr/> WTO Public Forum	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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38. Are you interested in serving as a **Communications Coordinator**?

The Communications Coordinator (CC) is responsible for promoting the activities of the delegation through diverse communication channels prior to, during and after the Forum. The CC serves as the liaison between the delegation and the YDC Communications Team, develops a communication strategy, and creates and distributes relevant media content, such as press release, op-eds, blog posts, and social media posts.

Check all that apply.

	Yes	No
<hr/> WBG- IMF Annual Meetings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<hr/> WTO Public Forum	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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39. If you would like to be considered for a Communications Coordinator position, please list any organizations/groups for which you have fulfilled a communications role, including links if available.

Please note that this does not only include paid communications experience; this may include communications and/or social media work for a school club or volunteer role, or running a social media page or campaign for a page other than your personal account (e.g. a pet, meme, community, or social justice page).

Delegate Qualification Questions

All applicants must complete each of the following three questions.

Application Review Process

Due to increasing numbers of applicants, YDC is piloting a staged application review process. Under this approach, all candidates will first be assessed based on their resumes and their responses to the technical question, and a shortlist of candidates will be further assessed based on their personal statements.

As such, please ensure every section of your application can stand on its own. Please also be advised that not all personal statements will be reviewed by the YDC Recruitment team. Further information on what we're looking for in applications is available on [our website](#) - we want to learn about why you're interested in the summit(s), what would make you a strong delegate, and what you hope to gain from the experience!

Resume Instructions

In resume-style point form, please list the most relevant experiences that make you a qualified delegate for these delegations. **Please note that this is the only resume YDC will review as part of your application - YDC will not review LinkedIn pages as part of considering candidate experiences.**

Please organize your qualifications along the following three categories:

- 1) Leadership experience
- 2) Teamwork experience
- 3) Professional and volunteer experience

Under each category, please list your experiences using the following format: title, year(s), and a 1-2 line description of responsibilities. It is acceptable to include experiences from the same roles for multiple categories.

We value your experiences, no matter where they are obtained. Please feel free to highlight formal and informal experiences, as well as paid and unpaid experiences.

Example: Leadership Experience

President, Acadia University Robotics Society (2019-2021)

- Led the Robotics Society, including coordinating roles within the society, leading meetings, and organizing annual high school robotics tournament (with tournament committee)
- Worked as part of a three-person team to build a robot for provincial university robotics competition

Canvass Lead, NDP Campaign (Beauséjour) (2021-2022)

- Led groups of volunteers knocking doors during the 2021 federal election
- Trained and supported new volunteers learning how to canvass on a political campaign
- Planned canvassing routes and ensured there was enough campaign literature for each canvass

40. Leadership Experience *

Maximum 1000 characters

Examples can be drawn from formal and informal, paid and unpaid experiences

Example: Teamwork Experience

Volunteer, REACH Immigrant and Refugee Initiative (2019-2021)

- With other volunteers, connected newcomers and immigrants to community and support services
- Coordinated with team of three volunteers to translate public information, including relating to COVID-19, into Arabic to support newcomer communities

Teaching Assistant, University of Alberta (2021-2022)

- Led small discussion groups for first-year undergraduate course and ran weekly office hours
- Liaised with two other TAs to mark assignments and exams, attend lectures, and proctor tests and exams

41. Teamwork Experience *

Maximum 1000 characters

Examples can be drawn from formal and informal, paid and unpaid experiences

Example: Employment & Volunteer Experience

Junior Policy Analyst, Infrastructure Canada (Summer 2021, Winter 2022)

- Completed three co-op terms as a Junior Policy Analyst on the Intergovernmental Affairs team
- Role included work on briefing notes and speaking points, and supporting preparations for FPT working groups

Line Cook and Shift Manager, Wendy's (2019-2021)

- As shift manager, was responsible for balancing the registers, training new employees
- Both roles involved direct interaction with customers and associates

42. Employment & Volunteer Experience *

Maximum 1000 characters

Examples can be drawn from formal and informal, paid and unpaid experiences

Personal Statement Instructions

Please provide us with the link to a 1-minute YouTube video* answering the following questions:

- What motivated you to apply to represent Canadian youth as a YDC delegate?**
- Further, what do you hope to take away from your delegation experience?**

Guidelines:

1. Videos exceeding 1-minute in length will not be considered
2. Videos must be set as "unlisted" on YouTube
3. Videos must have good audio quality
4. Videos recorded with smartphones are allowed and encouraged
5. You may record your video in the official language of your choice (i.e., English or French)

*If you do not wish to film a video of yourself, you may record a 1-minute audio in the official language of your choice and upload the file as a "private track" on Soundcloud. All video guidelines apply. Please note your application will not be assessed differently if you choose to submit a Soundcloud audio file rather than a YouTube video.

43. Personal Statement (YouTube video/Soundcloud track) *

Please share the link to your statement below. Videos or audio files exceeding 1-minute in length will not be considered

44. Before proceeding, please confirm your acknowledgement of the statements below: *

Check all that apply.

- I confirm my video/audio track is under 1-minute in length
- I confirm that I understand these delegations may offer funding through YDC partners

Thank you for your application

We appreciate your interest in representing Canadian youth on the global stage and wish you the best of luck!

Please follow YDC on LinkedIn, Instagram (@YDCanada), X (@YDCanada), TikTok (@YDCanada) and like us on Facebook for future opportunities to engage.

Unfortunately, due to the high volume of applications, we are unable to offer individual feedback.

Questions? Check out our FAQ: <http://youngdiplomats.ca/faqs/>

If your question does not appear in the FAQ, please contact recruitment@youngdiplomats.ca

45. How did you hear about YDC and this opportunity? Please select all that apply

Check all that apply.

- YDC executive member
- YDC alumni
- Friend/colleague
- Social media
- Club/organization
- Other: _____

46. Have you previously applied or interviewed for a YDC delegation?

This question is for statistical purposes only. Having previously applied or interviewed for a YDC delegation will not affect your application.

Mark only one oval.

- Yes, I have previously applied for a YDC delegation
- Yes, I have previous applied and interviewed for a YDC delegation
- No, I have not previously applied or interviewed for a YDC delegation

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