

## ***Canada: A Nation of Innovation***

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### **Rideau Hall Foundation : <https://www.rhf-frh.ca/>**

- Established by Rt. Hon. David Johnston, Canada's 28th Governor General
- Aims to mobilize ideas, people, and resources across the country to tap into our national spirit and help realize our shared aspiration
- Priority areas: Learning, Leadership, Giving and Innovation
- RHF supports many initiatives connecting, cultivating and celebrating Canadian Innovation

### **Governor General Innovation Awards: <https://innovation.gg.ca/>**

The objectives of the Governor General's Innovation Awards are to celebrate excellence in innovation across all sectors of Canadian society and inspire Canadians, particularly Canadian youth, to be entrepreneurial innovators. The Awards are given to individuals, teams and/or organizations whose innovations are:

- Truly exceptional;
- Transformative; and,
- Positive in their impact on quality of life in Canada.

The awards are not intended for lifetime achievement or innovations that have not yet demonstrated impact. Rather, by recognizing active, current innovators across the breadth of our economy and society the Awards help foster an active culture that celebrates innovation having a meaningful impact on our lives. One example of a Governor General Innovation Award recipient is Mary Gordon, Founder of Roots of Empathy, <https://innovation.gg.ca/mary-gordon-2018-ggia-laureate/>

### **Arctic Inspiration Prize: <https://www.arcticinspirationprize.ca/>**

Addressing the challenges and seizing the opportunities of accelerating changes in the Arctic environment, culture, technology and economy require innovative approaches, mobilizing the best knowledge from various sources into concrete solutions. The Arctic Inspiration Prize recognizes and promotes the extraordinary contribution made by teams in the gathering of Arctic knowledge and their plans to implement this knowledge to real world applications for the benefit of the Canadian Arctic, Arctic Peoples and therefore Canada as a whole. The Arctic Inspiration Prize was co-founded by Sima Sharifi and Arnold Witzig, derived from their wish as immigrants to contribute to the future of their adopted country of choice with a focus on the Canadian Arctic, its major challenges and opportunities in the face of rapid changes in environment, culture, technology and economy. One example of an Arctic Inspiration Prize Winner is SmartIce - <https://innovation.gg.ca/winner/trevor-bell-shelly-elverum-jenny-mosesie-shawna-dicker/>

### **Tech/Innovation for Good Declaration: <https://canadianinnovationspace.ca/tech-for-good/>**

After studying national and global data from research conducted by Deloitte and IPSOS, and hosting open discussions through workshops and open-forums, the first iteration of a *Tech for Good Declaration* was crafted to integrate the wisdom and lessons learned from history, philosophy and literature to ensure ethical decision-making as the future unfolds. This document is relevant for all organizations that develop, implement and make use of technology. This is a *living* declaration built to create an ongoing dialogue among all Canadians about the meaning of *Tech for Good*, a set of guiding principles that all aspiring organizations can follow to create and use technology for the good of humanity and our planet.

**Canada's Culture of Innovation Index: <https://canadianinnovationspace.ca/canadas-culture-of-innovation-index/>**

Canada's Culture of Innovation Index was developed by the Rideau Hall Foundation in partnership with Edelman, and is derived from the results of an original survey of how we, as Canadians, approach and value innovation in all spheres of our society. The Index provides a guidepost to how Canadians are ensuring that we are all participants in an innovation-supporting culture. Results of the Canada's Culture of Innovation Index indicate that Canadians are confident in their capacity to promote innovation especially through diversity and collaboration.

***Education for Innovation: A Canadian resource to develop students' innovation mindsets and competencies: <https://canadianinnovationspace.ca/resources/>***

*Education for Innovation* resources for Kindergarten to Grade 12 can be downloaded for no cost in English and French. The *Education for Innovation* resources were created by a team of educators from Nipissing University and various schools in alignment with two publications: *Innovation Nation: How Canadian Innovators Made the World Smarter, Smaller, Kinder, Safer, Healthier, Wealthier, and Happier* (2017) written for children and *Ingenious* (2017) written for youth/adults. Both books were co-authored by The Right Honourable David Johnston as the 28th Governor General of Canada and Tom Jenkins. The resources include a newly-developed Innovation Cycle process to guide student learning, a series of key innovation learning experiences, sample templates for student-led Innovation Projects and suggestions for Innovation Celebrations. Research conducted on the developmental process of creating an educational resource yielded findings that reflected the organic and complex phases of innovation: inquiry, ideation, incubation, implementation and impact.

