

## PROGRAM ADVISORY TEAM

The FOLD Foundation (FOLD) is a charitable organization that hosts the annual Festival of Literary Diversity – Canada’s first festival for underrepresented authors and storytellers – located in Brampton, Ontario. In addition to the flagship festival, the FOLD also hosts FOLD Kids Book Fest and year-round programming initiatives like FOLD Academy and the FOLD Reading Challenge.

To support the FOLD and the year-round adult programming of the FOLD in particular, the FOLD relies on a diverse group of individuals. Currently, the FOLD is looking for **BIPOC** volunteers to serve on the FOLD PROGRAM ADVISORY TEAM (FPAT).

FPAT members will meet virtually and provide feedback and insight on the Festival of Literary Diversity and off-season activities like the FOLD Reading Challenge, in particular. They will meet 4-5 times throughout the year on Zoom. FPAT members will be expected to attend all meetings, which will be held virtually from 7-8:30pm ET on Sunday evenings.

**MEETING DATES\*: September 24, October 16, December 11, January 22, March 5, June 11 (All 7pm ET start times)**

We understand that this time and format, as well as the dates, may not be possible for some applicants. Attending meetings and reviewing key information in advance of the meetings is a critical part of the role.

FPAT members are not required to live in the GTA, but they will need to attend the in-person festival. They should be familiar with FOLD events and FOLD programming, and they should have a passion for social justice and improving the Canadian literary landscape.

While unexpected things may occur, new FPAT members are encouraged to commit to two years on the FPAT, at which point the possibility for renewal will be determined in consultation with the Executive Director.

### THE REQUIREMENTS

- Attendance at all FPAT meetings
- Reviewing documents and agendas in advance of meetings (10-30 min of work)
- Attending approximately 10% of the FOLD’s in-person and 10% of virtual events (about 3 events)
- Attending a minimum of one FOLD Academy event (virtual) throughout the year
- Willingness to contribute to the FOLD’s in-person and virtual events as an in-person volunteer, if possible
- Willingness to submit thoughtful feedback at meetings
- Willingness to sign and abide by a confidentiality agreement and a FOLD code of conduct
- **At this point in time, only BIPOC applicants need apply**

## THE BENEFITS

- Joining a community of like-minded readers who are committed to shaping the literary economy for the better
- The opportunity to contribute to the growth and improvement of Canada's first festival for diverse authors and storytellers
- Free books and swag, where possible
- Free passes to all FOLD events

## HOW TO APPLY

- To apply, please fill out the form on the [link provided](#).
- On the application, you will need to provide personal information and answer a few questions
- Please submit a resume or cv
- **You do not have to attach a cover letter**

## CONTACT

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