



5th National Modern Treaty Simulation

The Gordon Foundation is collaborating with LCAC to host the 5th National Modern Treaty Simulation on February 26 & 27, 2023 at the Ottawa Westin ahead of the 20th Anniversary LCAC National Conference taking place February 27 - March 1, 2023.

Indigenous youth are the next generation of leaders. They require knowledge-transfer, skills-building in negotiation, implementation and Nation-building, and a network to advance this work as future leaders. The Gordon Foundation's Treaty Simulation model provides a unique and impactful experience that brings together emerging Indigenous leaders to learn about lands claims agreements and self-government. Through the guidance of advisors, participants experience what it is like to negotiate and implement an agreement. The Treaty Simulation:

- Introduces emerging Indigenous leaders to Treaty implementation and negotiation practices, issues, dynamics and implications as one tool among others for self-determination, as well as proposal writing, working in teams, public speaking, and understanding different sides;
- Builds a network amongst participants and Advisors for future learning and support; and,
- Grows the interest of emerging Indigenous leaders in land claims and self-government agreements.

During the simulation, participants are divided into "teams" representing parties involved in Treaty negotiations: Indigenous Nation/organization, provincial or territorial government and federal government. The teams are tasked with a scenario related to a Modern Treaty. They work to prepare proposals, then come together to negotiate until an agreement is reached. Teams are guided by the wisdom and experience of advisors who have been involved in negotiations, and/or are legal or treaty experts.

To learn more about The Gordon Foundation's treaty simulation, visit: [Understanding Our Treaties.](#)

We welcome the following participants:

- Age suggestion is 18-35, but flexible.
- Members wishing to send youth younger than 18 must commit to sending chaperones with them, and paying for their travel costs.
- 1-2 youth per Modern Treaty Nation or Organization. If there is space, then more youth per Modern Treaty Nation or Organization will be allowed to attend. There will be 20-40 participants.

*LCAC members will be expected to organize and pay for participant travel, hotel, per diems and LCAC conference registration. The Foundation will offer a subsidy up to \$2,000 per Modern Treaty Nation or Organization, if needed, for your youth to attend the simulation (travel, hotel, meals). The Foundation will require receipts for the subsidy. The Foundation is also providing some meals during the simulation (see agenda below).

Simulation scenario:

Past national Treaty Simulations have tended to focus on an agreement involving a First Nation Government. There was a request by past participants to explore focusing this simulation on one of the agreements from the Inuit Nunangat and on the topics of wildlife or related to self-determination or self-government. The Gordon Foundation welcomes suggestions from LCAC members on the scenario and any assistance on content development, as well as suggestions for advisors to participate during the simulation (we will require 3 to 4 advisors).

Next Step:

Please send the name, age, and contact information of your participating youth to Vivien Carli (vivien@gordonfn.org) by December 16, 2022.

Further details will be provided as they become available.

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5th National Modern Treaty Simulation**DRAFT AGENDA****SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023**

- 8:15AM Breakfast & Registration
- 9:00AM Opening, Welcome & Introductions
- 9:30AM Simulation Overview: Goals & Objectives
- 10:00AM Treaty Negotiating & Implementing 101: Conversations with the Advisors
- 12:00PM Lunch
- 1:00PM Introducing the Simulation Scenario
- 1:30PM Teams Prepare for the Negotiations
- 3:00PM Break

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6:00PM Working Dinner (TBD)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2023

8:15AM Breakfast & Teams Prepare for the Negotiations

9:00AM Negotiations begin

10:30AM Break

11:00AM Negotiations continue

12:00PM Lunch

1:00PM Teams present their final proposals to all groups

2:30PM Break

3:00PM Evaluation

3:30PM Sharing Circle

5:00PM Closing