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# TEACHERS INSTITUTE

*on Canadian Parliamentary Democracy*

February 21 to 26, 2016

The Teachers Institute is a unique professional development opportunity for teachers on governance and citizenship education. Each November, the program brings together approximately 70 educators from across the country, for an intensive, informative, unforgettable week at Parliament.

## Experience a week at Parliament!

### GOALS

- ▶ To enhance teachers' knowledge and understanding of Canada's parliamentary system, through an engaging educational experience
- ▶ To promote discussion and critical inquiry into key issues related to parliamentary democracy
- ▶ To facilitate the sharing and development of ideas, resources and methods for teaching about civic education and parliamentary democracy
- ▶ To empower teachers to champion effective civic engagement, and extend the discussion about parliamentary democracy to their own classrooms and communities

### BENEFITS

- ▶ Experience an insider's view on the intricacies of government and the legislative process, the key players, their functions and activities
- ▶ Gain insight into the fundamental issues of contemporary democratic governance
- ▶ Collect creative ideas and useful tools for teaching about Parliament, governance, democracy and citizenship
- ▶ Forge contacts with dynamic teacher colleagues from across the country

*The Teachers Institute is hosted by the Speakers of the Senate and the House of Commons and organized by the Library of Parliament.*



*At no time in my career have I experienced an opportunity to develop as both a professional and an individual in such a profound way. I am leaving the Institute a stronger teacher, and a stronger Canadian citizen.* Karen Kahler, Alberta

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Meet the Speakers of the Senate and the House of Commons and other parliamentarians
- ▶ Observe Question Period, parliamentary debates and committee meetings
- ▶ Analyze critical issues with political, procedural and pedagogical experts
- ▶ Attend working luncheons with key parliamentary and federal government staff
- ▶ Receive useful resource materials that support teaching about Parliament, governance, democracy and citizenship
- ▶ Discuss classroom applications with teachers from across Canada
- ▶ Celebrate excellence in teaching about Parliament, governance, democracy and citizenship

## ELIGIBILITY

- ▶ The program is open to teachers of social studies and related subjects, including political science, history, law, civics or Native studies, currently teaching from kindergarten to grade 12 (in Québec, from elementary cycle 1 up to CÉGEP)
- ▶ About 70 participants from across Canada are selected on merit by peer review based on teaching excellence and involvement in professional or curriculum development activities



His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston with participant Lorelea Wark

## SELECTION

Participants are selected by a committee of educators from across the country. Each applicant's candidacy is assessed in the following areas:

- ▶ Commitment to teaching about Parliament, governance, democracy and citizenship
- ▶ Professional activities such as curriculum or resource development, piloting or in-service, workshop presentation, mentoring or peer coaching
- ▶ Record of engagement in professional dialogue and collaborative work
- ▶ Continuing education, professional learning and academic achievement
- ▶ Capacity to undertake classroom innovation, professional development or curriculum activities based on the Teachers Institute
- ▶ Letters of recommendation

## COST

- ▶ A registration fee of \$500 is payable upon selection
- ▶ The program covers travel costs, accommodation and most meals

*The fact that so many distinguished and busy people were willing to speak with and listen to teachers in such an in-depth manner truly honours our profession. Ken Andrews, British Columbia*



Participant Susan Pannell Barrett meets with the Honourable Thomas Mulcair, Leader of the Official Opposition

*It was without a doubt the best professional development opportunity of my educational career. I returned from that week with a renewed passion for my chosen subject... Sharon Robbins, Ontario*

## INFORMATION

Detailed information and application forms are available from the Library of Parliament.

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