The Frank Karel Scholarship

Celebrating nonprofit staffers and communications-focused academics making a difference in the field of communications for good.

To learn more about The Frank Karel Scholarship, head over to www.ComNet22.org/Karel.

Apply by May 20, 2022 at 5pm EST
WHO WE ARE
The Frank Karel Scholarship is provided by The Communications Network with the generous support of The Rockefeller Foundation. The Communications Network is a vibrant, diverse, and dedicated community of over 3,000 communicators, storytellers, strategists, designers, researchers, producers, and community builders.

IDEAS, INSIGHTS, INSPIRATION, AND FUN!
ComNet is the annual gathering of the foundation and nonprofit leaders who make up The Communications Network. Karel Scholars will receive complimentary registration and will be highlighted during conference.

ComNet22 will happen in Seattle, Washington October 12-14, 2022 at the Hyatt Regency.

WHY ATTEND COMNET22?
We believe leaders working in communications for good—and the organizations they serve—will be stronger, smarter, and more effective when connected to a diverse network of colleagues, peers, and programs. Over 3 days share and exchange knowledge, advice, and experiences with comms for good leaders around the world.

WE BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF COMMS FOR GOOD
Halting climate change. Eradicating disease. Lifting up the arts. Ending poverty. At their core, foundations and nonprofits are in the business of advancing big, bold ideas. But impact only happens when those ideas move out into the wider world to inspire change through smart communications.

COMNET22 SEATTLE THEMES
ComNet22 Seattle will explore ideas around
- The Information Age
- Climate Change
- Accessibility
- Racial Justice
- Civic Life in America
- Storytelling
- Design
- The Future of the Field
WHAT IS THE FRANK KAREL SCHOLARSHIP?

The Frank Karel Scholarship celebrates nonprofit staffers and communications-focused academics making a difference in the field of communications for good. The scholarship enables The Communications Network to offer complimentary registrations to nonprofit staffers and communications-focused academics who would not otherwise be able to attend ComNet22.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

The Frank Karel Scholarship is open to all full-time nonprofit staff and communications-focused academics with demonstrated need. The scholarship represents Frank Karel’s legacy and The Network’s mission to connect leaders and to lift up and advance the field of communications for good.

*Please note, the scholarship does NOT include travel, lodging, or other incidental expenses.

WHEN IS THE DEADLINE?

We’re accepting applications on a rolling basis until May 20, 2022 at 5pm EST. However, we encourage you to apply as early as possible. You should receive more information within a month of your submission.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Click here to access the application form.

Please note we will be asking you for a short letter of demonstrated need from your supervisor/manager/HR to complete the application. This only needs to be a simple 2-3 sentence note (email or pdf on letterhead) that states you do not have the professional development budget to attend this year (you do not need to include your budget or financial information).
Marte Siebenhar, 2017 Recipient

"The Karel Scholarship enabled me to deepen my learning as a communications professional, particularly thanks to thoughtful dialogue and a sense of immersion into a community of incredible peers. I’m thankful for the opportunity to have the space to learn, share, and contribute—something ComNet is masterful at scaling."

Wilda Wong, 2018 Recipient

“I am thankful for ComNet—it is so refreshing to attend a professional conference where the organizers’ values align so closely with my own….one of the biggest themes from ComNet18 for me is the importance of framing one’s messaging. I have opened up discussions with my team on how we can do this better in our storytelling and reporting, so we can ensure what people are inferring from our communications is what we want to convey.”

Lincoln Mondy, 2019 Recipient

"Being on a small comms team can sometimes be limiting and feel siloed – so getting the opportunity to attend such a focused conference with fellow comms for good folks was incredibly valuable. I was able to connect with folks, share challenges, and think of new ideas to bring back to my team. I was inspired by the leaders in the rooms who offered advice, talent, and more."

Ana Mantica, 2020 Recipient

“I’m so honored and very grateful for this opportunity. I’ve been wanting to attend the conference for the past few years now. This is such a tremendous opportunity for me, especially now as I step into a new leadership role with the MDC Foundation.”
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Past Karel Scholars have joined us from organizations including...

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