

Before starting your application, it is recommended that you take 8 minutes to watch "[TED's Secret to Great Public Speaking](#)" by Chris Anderson. Also, it will be valuable for you to read Chris Anderson's book, "[TED Talks: The Official TED Guide to Public Speaking](#)".

**Personal Information**

Full Name	Phone Number
Address	Email

**1. What is your idea worth spreading?** (50 words max.)

**2. How is this a new idea or a novel perspective on a well-established idea?** (50 words max.)

**3. What is your potential "throughline"?** (15 words max.)

A "throughline" is the theme or one idea central to your talk. It should be **no more than 15 words**. Details on how to prepare a "throughline" can be found in Chris Anderson's book "[TED Talks: The Official TED Guide to Public Speaking](#)" – Chapter 4.

**4. Why do you want to deliver this talk?** (50 words max.)

5. What have you done that demonstrates your enduring passion for your idea? What makes you a credible expert in your talk content? (100 words max.)

6. How do you want your audience to think, feel, or behave differently after they have listened to your talk? (50 words max.)

7. **TED** takes very seriously its responsibility to provide information that is “compelling and 100% credible”. It strictly enforces its general [Content Guidelines](#) and especially its [Science Content Standards](#). **TEDxSurrey** fully supports these policies.

Please familiarize yourself with the [Guidelines](#). Your content will be reviewed multiple times for compliance. If a speaker is not eager to adhere to the [Guidelines](#) and adjust their presentation accordingly, a speaking slot cannot be offered. Do you commit to altering your script, if necessary, to adhere to all [TED Content Guidelines](#)?

Yes     No

8. The **TEDxSurrey 2023** program will focus on 6 separate areas. Under which of the following areas does your idea fall?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Science                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology and Design             | <input type="checkbox"/> Art, Music, Sport            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Human Rights, Law and Business | <input type="checkbox"/> Current topics with a global lens | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Development Stories |

9. If you are applying as a speaker and you were a student in the Surrey School District on June 30, 2022, please indicate here:

YES

**10. The TED<sup>x</sup>Surrey 2023 event will take place at the beautiful Bell Performing Arts Centre, which holds an audience of 1,050 (Public Health Guidelines permitting) and we plan to have a sell-out crowd! Please list events where you have spoken to large audiences (100+), including the date and size of audience. If you have videos of previous speeches/talks, please provide links.**

**11. At TED<sup>x</sup>Surrey 2023, the talks will be limited to 12 minutes. Please provide us with an initial DRAFT script, with your idea well-defined, in no more than 1400 words. Attach your script separately when you submit your application.**

Script attached?    Yes     No

**12. Commitment to the preparation/coaching process. Can you commit to:**

- **Coaching sessions** for all speakers will be on Saturdays from 9.00 am to 1:00 pm, (unless otherwise specified) on the following dates:

- October 22 – Initial Coaching Team Meeting – In-person
- Nov 5 & 19 – Speaker Workshops - Online via Zoom
- December 3 & 17 - In-person
- January 7 - On Stage (10:00 am to 4:00 pm)

Yes     No

- **In-person Dress Rehearsal** on Friday, January 13, 2023 at Bell Performing Arts Centre from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm
- **LIVE EVENT** - Saturday, January 21st, 2023 from 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

Yes     No

- **Meeting and communicating regularly with your coaches**

Yes     No

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Thank you for completing the **Speaker Application Form for TED<sup>x</sup>Surrey 2023**.

Please ensure that it is submitted by the deadline of midnight **Friday, September 9, 2022**.

No applications will be accepted after this date.

Please email your completed application in Word or PDF format to Vivien Ip, Curation Team Coordinator, at [vivien@tedxsurrey.ca](mailto:vivien@tedxsurrey.ca)

**Remember to attach your script of up to 1400 words.**