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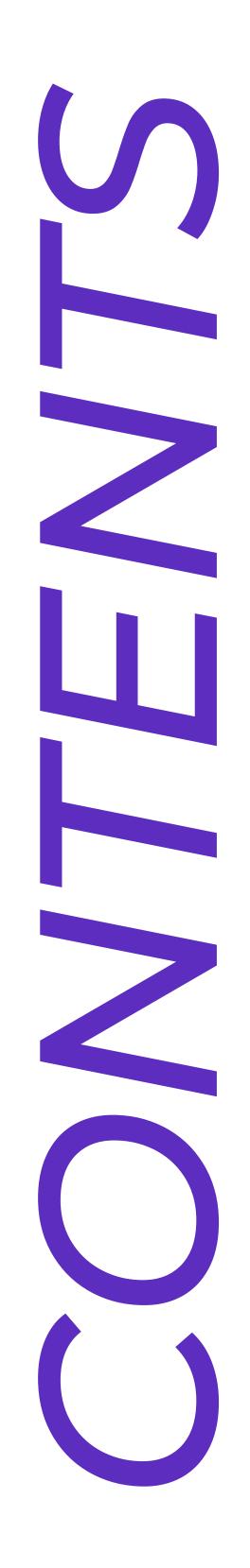
CHALLENGE THE SYSTEM

MARCH 7TH - MARCH 10TH

2024

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

University of Toronto Policython wishes to acknowledge the land on which the University of Toronto operates. For thousands of years it has been the traditional land of the Huron-Wendat, the Seneca, and the Mississaugas of the Credit. Today, this meeting place is still the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work and gather on this land.

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THE PROBLEM: Youth are not given adequate attention as future leaders. Politics must include more youth who will face the effects of decisions being made today.

UTP IS PART OF THE SOLUTION.

UTSU OUTSTANDING NEW CLUB OF THE YEAR 2021

Since organizing the first Canadian Policython in March 2022, UTP has grown to welcome over 200 participants, 50 industry experts and professionals, and more than 50 members to foster a fun learning experience. We've organized socials, workshops, and networking events to support young leaders explore the field of government, public policy and advocacy. In 2021, our work was recognized by the U of T Student's Union with the "Outstanding New Club of the Year" award!

THE FIRST CANADIAN POLICYTHON

What's a Policython? This event combines the educational insight offered by simulations, the fast-paced nature of hackathons and the issue-focused challenge of case competitions to **allow students in government and advocacy to tackle real-world policy issues that Canada faces in Human Rights, Foreign, Public Health, and Environmental Policy.** By the end of the event, participants will have created a policy brief to be judged by experts and potentially awarded.

POLICYTHON 2024

Our annual event offers university students an opportunity to get creative and interact with real public policy and current events. Between March 7-10, participants will be challenged to write policy briefs responding to a given prompt in the field of their choice, which they present to judges at the **University of Toronto St. George Campus** and are then potentially awarded.

We support student efforts through workshops and fireside chats, and foster the Policython community through social events during the Policython weekend.

For the second time, we welcome students from McMaster, York, and TMU back to compete and learn from direct input by political experts and community leaders.

While still deciding on this year's themes, some of the questions we seek to address include: How can we, as youth, make our communities better? What can the government do to uplift its citizens? What would <u>you</u> do?

POLICYTHON 2024

March 7 - 10 | Toronto

THURSDAY — 07
- Opening Ceremony
- **Prompts released**

08 — **FRIDAY**
- Office Hours
- Social

SATURDAY — 09
- Office Hours
- **Briefs due**

10 — **SUNDAY**
- **Judging**
- Closing Ceremony

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