



# The Quaker Institute for the Future

Advancing a global future of inclusion, social justice and ecological integrity through participatory research and discernment

## **QIF 2023 Summer Research Seminar July 17-21, 2023 - By Zoom**

The Quaker Institute for the Future's 2023 Summer Research Seminar will take place by Zoom from July 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>.

QIF Summer Research Seminars create a venue for spirit-led research using Quaker methods of discernment and reflection. Research presentations include time for questions, clarification, and discussion, framed by times of collaborative discernment conducted as "Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Research." Time is also reserved for theme-based discussions, worship sharing, artistic and other creative sharing, and informal interactions among participants. More information about summer research seminars is available at <https://quakerinstitute.org/> including videos of past presentations.

This year, which marks 20 years since QIF was established, the SRS will put less emphasis on presentation and discernment of individual research projects and more on theme-based discernment, led by groups of people interested in introducing and facilitating a theme-based session. Example themes of possible interest include:

- Moving past colonial legacies and systemic racism
- Climate change and related ecological crises
- Economics, money, and the impossibility of infinite economic growth
- Overcoming political and social polarization

The connections among issues are of special interest, since past failures to address any of the preceding issues have impeded progress on others. We also invite SRS participants to propose additional themes when they register. Following registration, SRS organizers will help facilitate brief preparatory sessions for those involved in each theme-based discussion.

### **Registration**

We welcome those who wish to present a project that will be followed by worshipful discernment including all in attendance, those who wish to participate in introducing and

facilitating a theme-based discussion, as well as those who just wish to attend and participate without taking on either a presentation or theme-based facilitation.

Please register for project presentation proposals and for theme-based topics by June 16. Please indicate the theme-based discussion you would like to help prepare, introduce, or facilitate from the list above, or propose an additional theme.

Registration for other participants will be open throughout the SRS. There is no registration fee, though participants are encouraged to make a donation to QIF that is within their means.

Please register at [www.quakerinstitute.org](http://www.quakerinstitute.org) by following the links to the 2023 Summer Research Seminar.

### **Youth Grants**

This year, QIF is offering \$500 stipends to applicants aged 18 to 35 years old to make a presentation on research or activism that resonates with the QIF mission of advancing a global future of inclusion, social justice, and ecological integrity through Spirit-led participatory research and discernment. The presentation will be followed by a period of Spirit-led discernment involving all participants at the SRS. The SRS organizing committee will hold two or more orientation/clarity sessions for stipend recipients and will be generally available to help stipend holders to prepare for the SRS.

This is part of a year long program of Youth Grants. NOTE: People may choose to apply for a Youth Grant independently of the Summer Research Seminar and use it for purposes other than to develop a presentation at the SRS. For more information on the Youth Grants, see:

<https://quakerinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2023-QIF-Youth-Grants-Info-Sheet.pdf>

### **Inquiries**

For other questions regarding registration or the SRS in general or to apply for a Youth Grant stipend contact Gray Cox at [gray@coa.edu](mailto:gray@coa.edu) or #207-460-1163.