




MEMORANDUM

To: Faculty, Staff & Librarians, University of Toronto Scarborough
From: Professor Lynn Tucker, Associate Dean Experiential & Global Learning 
Date: 1 February 2023
Re: **Experiential Learning Fund (ELF) 2023-2024 Funding Cycle - Call for Proposals**
Note: For distribution broadly

Experiential Learning (EL) is a key priority and longstanding strength at U of T Scarborough. As experiential learning has evolved, so too has the spectrum of opportunities across our campus, with a goal of 100% student engagement. Our success is built upon the energy and passion of our students, the dedication of expert faculty, staff and librarians, strong reciprocal relationships with our local and global partners, and our collective commitment to inclusive excellence.

The 2023-24 Experiential Learning Fund (ELF) offers a collection of funding opportunities that reflect the diverse nature of Experiential Learning engagement at U of T Scarborough. As part of the [Transformative Teaching & Learning Fund \(TTL\)](#) launched last year, ELF is one of three pillars that support new and developing experiential curricular and co-curricular initiatives that integrate program curricula and align with faculty teaching and research interests.

Applicants can apply to more than one category with discrete project-based initiatives. Applicants can also apply to ELF up to three times for the same project after which time it will no longer be eligible for seed funding. Working with your department Chair, and keeping them apprised of project development, is recommended in planning toward long-term project sustainability.

If your request is for \$1000.00 or less, please contact your department Chair as a first step to inquire about potential department funds. If other funding sources are not available, please complete the appropriate ELF form provided for each funding category.

If you are planning to submit a proposal for this call, please contact experiential.utsc@utoronto.ca and a member of *Team Xperience* will schedule a conversation to support your application.

We invite you to explore the four ELF funding categories.

Departmental and Cross-Departmental EL Enhancement (up to \$25,000)

Proposals will identify an experiential learning component(s) that enhances course learning objectives and/or will be collaborative in nature, with co-applicants from one or more academic unit(s), and will integrate EL at the program level - [types of experiential learning](#). Co-curricular initiatives are eligible if they align with broader program goals and/or directly support professional development of students. New and/or developing EL course-based projects are eligible. Additionally, we are open to receiving proposals that work to leverage learnings from and/or adapt impacts related to the pandemic. [\[APPLY ONLINE\]](#) Deadline **3 April 2023**.

Community-Engaged Learning (CEL) Relationship Development (up to \$10,000 over three years)

Proposals will focus on emerging and developing relationships, foundations and groundwork, that are part of community-engaged learning initiatives in support of program learning objectives. This three-year financial commitment acknowledges and supports the necessary time and resources required to establish and develop values- and asset-based community partnerships rooted in reciprocity and relational accountability. This work may also better position applicants for other ELF categories in future. While intended as a one-time-only award, unique costs may arise. To qualify for renewal and/or amendments, an enhanced annual report is required. [\[APPLY ONLINE\]](#)
Deadline 3 April 2023.

Global Local Initiatives (up to \$10,000)

Proposals will demonstrate connections to course-based learning objectives that encourage a deeper awareness of local and global issues by examining how they are connected while creating space for students to develop skills to work and learn with diverse communities at home and abroad (e.g.: [global classroom](#), onsite and/or virtual; co-knowledge creation/sharing; co-curricular development and delivery). [\[APPLY ONLINE\]](#) **Deadline 3 April 2023.**

EL Mobility Modules (up to \$25,000)

Proposals will articulate clear, short-term travel opportunities (e.g.: in-course module; reading week excursion; land-based learning module; domestic/international immersion) as connected to course-based learning outcomes that are accessible to all students in a course section. Due to the resource-intensive nature of planning such initiatives, there is a two-step proposal process:

- Step 1 - Statement of Interest - Deadline **13 February 2023** [\[APPLY ONLINE\]](#)
- Step 2 - Formal Proposal (by invitation) - Deadline **3 April 2023**