



MEMORANDUM

To: Faculty & Staff, University of Toronto Scarborough
From: Professor Lynn Tucker, Associate Dean Experiential & Global Learning 
Date: 20 April 2022
Re: **Experiential Learning Fund (ELF) 2022-2023 Funding Cycle - Call for Proposals**
Note: For distribution broadly

Experiential Learning (EL) is a key priority and longstanding strength at U of T Scarborough. We are a recognized leader in co-operative (co-op) education, delivering close to 50 years of programming excellence. 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 and staff, strong reciprocal relationships with our local and global partners, and our collective commitment to inclusive excellence.

The Transformative Teaching & Learning Fund (TTL) aims to strengthen collaborative, research-informed curriculum and teaching innovation, communities of practice, and experiential learning opportunities. Along with the Pedagogies for Inclusive Excellence Fund (PIE) and the Centre for Teaching & Learning Teaching Enhancement Grants, the Experiential Learning Fund (ELF) is one of three pillars that comprise this overarching framework with dedicated resources that support new and developing experiential curricular and co-curricular initiatives that integrate program curricula and align with faculty teaching and research interests.

The 2022-23 iteration of ELF offers a larger collection of funding opportunities from which to choose, that better reflect the diverse nature of EL engagement at U of T Scarborough as it continues to expand and deepen across our campus. 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 (except for the Community-Engaged Learning (CEL) Relationship Development grant), 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.

We invite you to explore the four ELF funding categories below.

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 (e.g.: academic internship; professional practicum; partnered field placement; organization partnered project; performance & artistic productions; simulated work experiences; non-partnered field experience; advanced design; advanced laboratory; research intensive; simulated work experience; applied research projects;

service learning; community-based activities; work-integrated 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 are working to leverage learnings from or adapt to impacts related to the pandemic. [[APPLY ONLINE](#)] Deadline **27 May 2022**.

Community-Engaged Learning (CEL) Relationship Development (up to \$10,000 over three years; one-time-only award)

Proposals will focus on emerging and developing relationships 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 (e.g.: outreach; listening and engagement; reoccurring curricular offerings; co-knowledge creation/sharing; co-developed longitudinal initiatives). [[APPLY ONLINE](#)] Deadline **27 May 2022**.

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.: onsite and/or virtual; co-knowledge creation/sharing; co-curricular development and delivery). [[APPLY ONLINE](#)]. Deadline **27 May 2022**.

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 - Expression of Interest - Deadline **2 May 2022**.; Step 2 - Formal Proposal (by invitation) - Deadline **27 May 2022**. [[APPLY ONLINE](#)]

If your request is for \$1000.00 or less, please consider contacting your department Chair as a first step to inquire about potential department funds. If other funding sources are not available, please complete the ELF form as per above.

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.