

## MEMORANDUM

To: Faculty, Staff & Librarians, University of Toronto Scarborough  
From: Professor Lynn Tucker, Associate Dean Experiential & Global Learning  
Date: 11 January 2024  
Re: Experiential Learning Fund (ELF) 2024-25 Funding Cycle - Call for Proposals  
**Note:** For broad distribution

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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 2024-25 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 \(TTLF\)](#), \*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 online ELF application form provided for each funding category.

If you are planning to submit a proposal for this call, please contact [experiential.utsc@utoronto.ca](mailto: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 1 April 2024.

- **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 the 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 1 April 2024.

- **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 1 April 2024.

- **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 12 February 2024 [\[APPLY ONLINE\]](#)

**Step 2 - Formal Proposal (by invitation)** - Deadline 1 April 2024

Warm Regards,



**Lynn Tucker**

Associate Dean Experiential & Global Learning

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\*PIE and TEG funds make up the remaining TTLF pillars, with calls open during the winter term. For more information -

- **Pedagogies of Inclusive Excellence (PIE) Fund:** The PIE fund provides support for the implementation of the recommended actions of the [Campus Curriculum Review Working Circle](#), advancing equity-based, holistic, accessible, anti-racist, and anti-colonial pedagogies and curricular development, with particular attention to Indigenous knowledges and knowledge systems, Black knowledges, racialized perspectives, and international and intercultural perspectives. In the 2024-25 cycle, two levels of funding will be available: \$10,000-\$20,000 (PIE Circle 1) and \$20,000- \$50,000 (PIE Circle 2). The deadline for [submitting proposals](#) is **11:59 p.m. on 4 March 2024**. For more information - [Pedagogies of Inclusive Excellence Fund](#), or contact [Roxanne Reid](#), Project & Administrative Coordinator, Undergraduate Initiatives & Awards, OVPD.
- **Teaching Enhancement Grants (TEG):** The Centre for Teaching & Learning (CTL), in partnership with Information & Instructional Technology Services (IITS), offers Teaching Enhancement Grants with one round per year. Categories include teaching equipment, software, enhancement, assessment, and professional development grants. For categories 1-4, the deadline for [submitting proposals](#) is **23 February 2024**. For professional development grants (category 5), there is a **rolling deadline** but applications must be made at least one month in advance of the time the funds are required. For more information - [Teaching Enhancement Grants](#), or contact [David Chan](#), Senior Educational Developer and Team Lead, CTL.