

## Innovative Transfer Project RFPs 2018-2019

Deadline: December 10th 2018, 11:59pm

### Overview

#### About Us

Established in 2011, the Ontario Council on Articulation and Transfer (ONCAT) was created to enhance student pathways and reduce barriers for students looking to transfer among Ontario's postsecondary institutions. ONCAT works with all public colleges and universities to enable the system of credit transfer to develop as rapidly as possible, while respecting institutional autonomy. Supported by the Government of Ontario, ONCAT is committed to creating a comprehensive and transparent system of pathways and credit transfer in the province. ONCAT works to enhance information channels for students, help postsecondary institutions collaborate in building enhanced pathways, and support research about transfer and student mobility. Our collective efforts serve to continue Ontario's development of an integrated postsecondary system that maximizes opportunities for mobile students to access postsecondary educational credentials that meets their needs, interests, and translates into career/employment opportunities.

Through an RFP process, we provide funding to publicly-funded colleges and universities, and other postsecondary partners including Indigenous Institutes recognized by MTCU, to develop and create new transfer pathways and articulation agreements, examine student and institutional experiences of transfer, and improve transfer student success.

#### Stream

ONCAT is working towards transformation in Ontario's postsecondary system that enables and fosters student mobility so that students can access education that meets their needs, interests, and translates into real world career/employment opportunities. We support pathway development projects and research to help create a more mature and seamless transfer system in Ontario. In addition, we recognize that student mobility is complex and there are occasions where space to test and experiment with models is needed.

The objective of the **Innovative Transfer** stream is to help catalyze change in Ontario's transfer system by supporting partners to explore a particular student mobility issue that may not be covered by our Pathway Development and Research funding streams. This stream supports experimentation and testing of models to ensure the transfer system as a whole is meeting the needs of students. In considering an Innovative Transfer application, is there an area of student mobility that is not receiving adequate attention that if unlocked could lead to widespread positive change for transfer students, postsecondary institutions and/or the transfer system as a whole? What innovation is needed to make this happen?

This stream supports:

- Experimentation to help make transfer pathways more effective and supportive for students (ie. curricular developments to support transfer students)
- Exploration and development of tools/infrastructure that could create more openness and foster collaboration across the whole system (ie. exploring innovative tools/methods of gathering data on transfer rates and student mobility in Ontario)

- Exploration and development of unconventional or less established transfer pathways (ie. incorporating micro-credentials into transfer initiatives; assessing the transferability of bridging/transitional programs at postsecondary institutions into another institution; academic redirect pathways; pathways to/from apprenticeships)
- Applying/Implementing recommendations from previous ONCAT research (ie. taking action on outcomes from existing research that would not be covered by other ONCAT funding streams)

The list of projects included above is not exhaustive; additional project types that explore student mobility in Ontario are encouraged.

NOTE: If the project's aim is to develop a transfer pathway between postsecondary institutions in Ontario, please apply to the Postsecondary Pathway Development Stream. If the project's aim is to generate knowledge/conduct research on student mobility in Ontario, please apply to the Research on Student Mobility stream.

## Eligibility

### Who Can Apply

- Postsecondary institutions in Ontario including Indigenous Institutes recognized by MTCU ([www.ontario.ca/page/indigenous-students#section-0](http://www.ontario.ca/page/indigenous-students#section-0)) and Not-for-Profit organizations working in the field of postsecondary education in Ontario are eligible to apply.
- Applications can be from individual institutions or collaborative initiatives.

### Funding Available

- To allow for the widest possible range of proposals no maximum funding limit is set. Pathway projects are typically 12 months in length and range in amounts from \$10 000-\$100 000.
- NOTE: Activities and/or personnel funded through the Credit Transfer Institutional Grant (CTIG) are not eligible for ONCAT funding.

### Ineligible for Funding

- Projects focused on issues that are specific to the applicant's institution only.
- Projects/Activities and/or personnel that are funded through the Credit Transfer Institutional Grant (CTIG) are not eligible for ONCAT funding. The applicant must ensure that its institution has not been granted funding for the same or similar transfer initiatives
- Projects led by external consultants.
- Projects that consist of fully online initiatives. Note: For applications that include an online component, the online development will not be eligible for ONCAT funding and will be at the expense of the institution(s).

## Application

### How to Apply

Proposals are accepted through an online application portal you can access here: <https://oncatapplication.smapply.io/>. The deadline to apply is **December 10th 2018, by 11:59pm**. Please leave yourself enough time to transfer your responses to the online portal and ensure all the required documents are uploaded.

## Overview of Application Questions & Submission Requirements

[Project RFP Application Overview](#)

### Working Together: Reports and Check-ins

ONCAT is committed to learning with its partners and values open and ongoing communication. If you are successful in receiving a grant, the following check-ins and reporting will be required:

- An interim report and financial report
- Check-in's on the project as needed (via email and/or in person)
- A final report and detailed financial statement