

ONCAT Supports Student Mobility Initiatives among Ontario Colleges & Universities

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Toronto, ON – The Ontario Council on Articulation and Transfer (ONCAT) is pleased to support its 45 member public Ontario colleges and universities through new funding for a range of student mobility projects and research initiatives.

In November 2016 ONCAT issued Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for projects on Pathway Development, Innovative Curriculum Delivery, and Research. After a record number of submissions and careful evaluation, funding was granted to 40 new projects, all of which are based on collaboration among postsecondary institutions. We are pleased to highlight that of those approved, 40% are geared towards marginalized learners (Francophone, adult/mature, Indigenous, and those with accessibility needs), and 20% are directed towards supporting mobility in the North.

Additionally, over 60 new final reports for completed [research](#) and [pathway development](#) projects were posted to the ONCAT website, along with *Final Report Guidelines* and *Handbooks*; these are significant learning resources to the sector, serving to bring together examples, tools, and experiences on credit transfer and articulation.

To date, over \$14,700,000 in project funding has been awarded through ONCAT to help move Ontario's credit transfer system forward. "These efforts play a key role in the advancement of a more seamless education system" says Lia Quickert, Executive Director (Interim) ONCAT, "investments in the infrastructure to better recognize, support, and connect students' learning experiences is key to ensuring accessibility and success".

Quick Facts:

- Ontario's credit transfer system comprises Ontario's 45 public colleges and universities, and the Ontario Council on Articulation and Transfer (ONCAT).
- Approximately 55,000+ students transfer within Ontario each year.
- 40 new projects supporting Ontario college and university collaboration were funded through ONCAT's 2016-17 RFP.
- 40% of funded initiatives are geared towards marginalized learners (francophone, adult/mature, indigenous, and those with accessibility needs).
- 20% of funded initiatives are directed towards supporting mobility in the North.
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- There are more than 1700 pathways involving multiple institutional partners. These pathways lead to more than 800,000 individual transfer opportunities for students.
- The ONCAT Course Transfer Guide has more than 166,000 course equivalencies.
- Almost 25% of degree students have a pathway into a similar degree; over 60% of diploma students have a pathway into a similar diploma; and, 84% of diploma graduates have a pathway into a degree (without the use of broad-based admissions policies).

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 45 public postsecondary institutions. As a member organization, it works with those institutions to develop transfer credit policies and practices to ease student mobility. ONCAT also maintains ONTransfer.ca, a website for students interested in learning how to transfer their courses. To learn more, visit www.oncat.ca.

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