



ONCAT Capacity Grants

October 2024



Contact Info

If you have questions about the application process or online funding portal:

- send an email to Inna Yeranosyan, Grants and Projects Specialist.
- iyeranosyan@oncat.ca

If you have questions about eligibility, scope, or budgets:

- book a meeting with Nick Hanson, Vice-President, Programs, Research and External Relations.
- nhanson@oncat.ca
- [click here to book a meeting](#)

Please note:

ONCAT cannot provide a preliminary assessment of a project's suitability for funding.
ONCAT cannot preview applications before their submission.



ONCAT was established in 2011 (as a successor to the College University Consortium Council), with a [primary focus on reducing barriers for students interested in transferring](#) between Ontario's publicly assisted colleges and universities.

ONCAT's 2023-26 Strategic Plan broadened the organizational mandate to "help postsecondary learners get where they want to go, no matter where they begin" – [spanning the entire education-to-employment journey](#).





ONCAT is an independent not-for-profit organization, governed according to the ONCAT General Bylaws.

ONCAT is funded by the Government of Ontario.

Oversight is provided by the Ministry of Colleges and Universities and the ONCAT Board, which includes representatives from member institutions and partner organizations.



ONCAT's Core Activities

- **Engage stakeholders** to improve opportunities for learners to achieve their personal, educational, and professional goals
- **Manage ONTransfer.ca**, a tool that helps learners navigate their transfer and pathway options
- **Provide funding** for projects that develop learner-centric policies, practices, and pathways at postsecondary institutions
- **Conduct research** and analyze data to generate new insights about issues related to learner mobility
- **Promote effective practices** for supporting the academic and non-academic success of learners





Context for Funding Opportunities

Funding Opportunities

To encourage activities that improve greater learner mobility, ONCAT supports Ontario's publicly assisted postsecondary sector through two broad categories of funding opportunities:

- **Institutional grants** for projects that bolster administrative capacity and/or foster productive collaboration
- **Research grants** for projects that generate new insights about issues related to learner mobility



Institutional and Research Projects

	Institutional Grants	Research Grants
Applicant	Project Lead (an employee at a publicly assisted college, university, or Indigenous Institute in Ontario)	Principal Investigator (a faculty member affiliated with a publicly assisted college, university, or Indigenous Institute in Ontario)
Recipient	A publicly assisted college, university, or Indigenous Institute in Ontario.	A publicly assisted college, university, or Indigenous Institute in Ontario.
Focus	Development and implementation of learner-centric policies, practices, and pathways	Generation of new insights about sector-wide issues related to learner mobility

Institutional and Research Projects

	Institutional Grants	Research Grants
Deliverable to ONCAT	A combination of deliverable types: 1) Substantial Accomplishments 2) Materials for Institutional Use 3) Materials for Public Distribution	Typically, there are two core deliverables: 1) A research report (using ONCAT design templates and publicly distributed via ONCAT) 2) A presentation of research findings

[Projects related to institutional research](#) – especially ones connected to strategic enrolment management – generally fall under the scope of institutional grants, rather than research grants.

Institutional Projects – 2023-24

Summer/Fall 2023

- Revamped the program structures
- Broadened the scope of eligible activities
- Expanded promotional reach of funding opportunities

November 2023

- Closed a partial round of funding opportunities

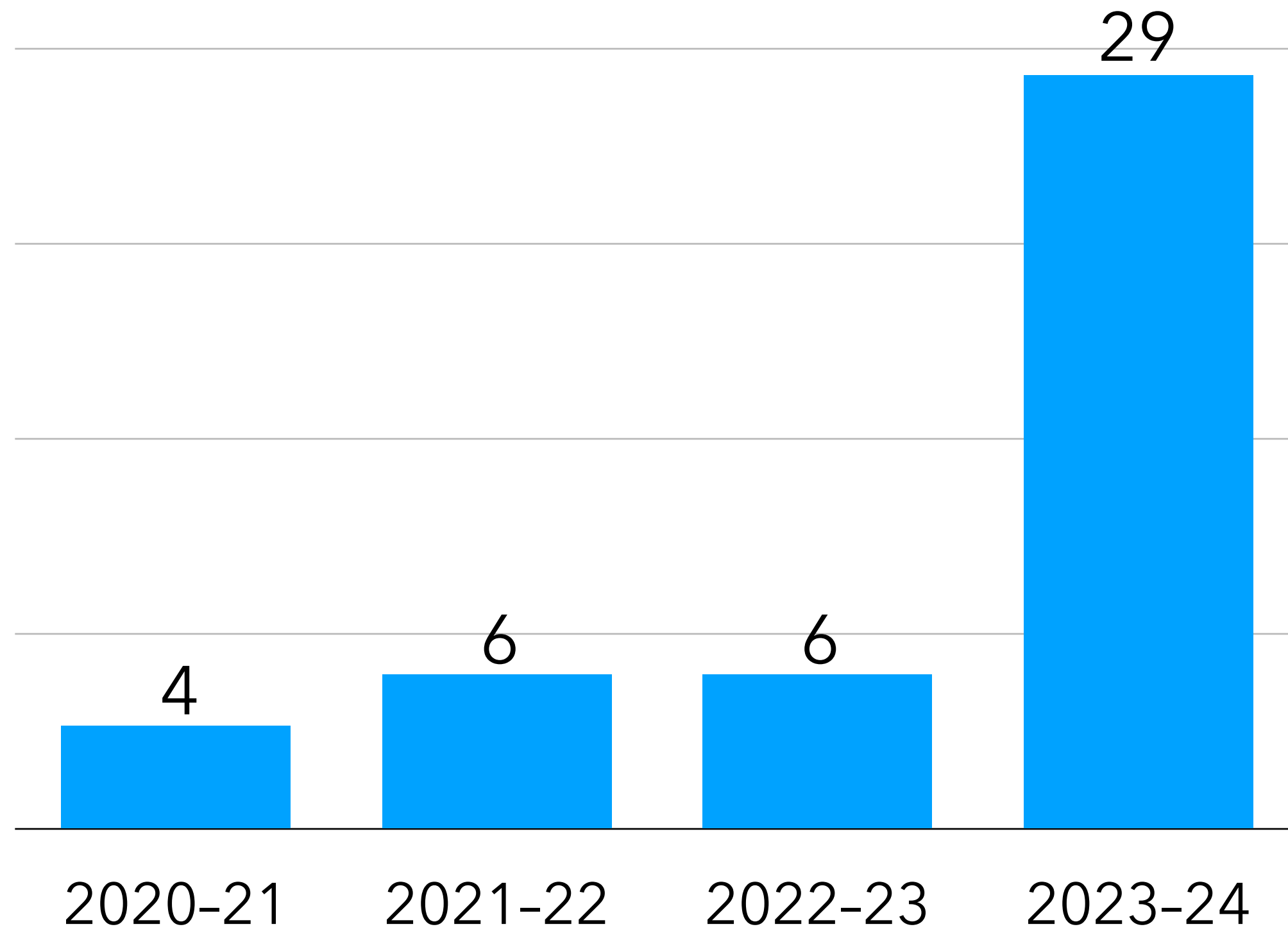
February 2024

- Closed a full round of funding opportunities

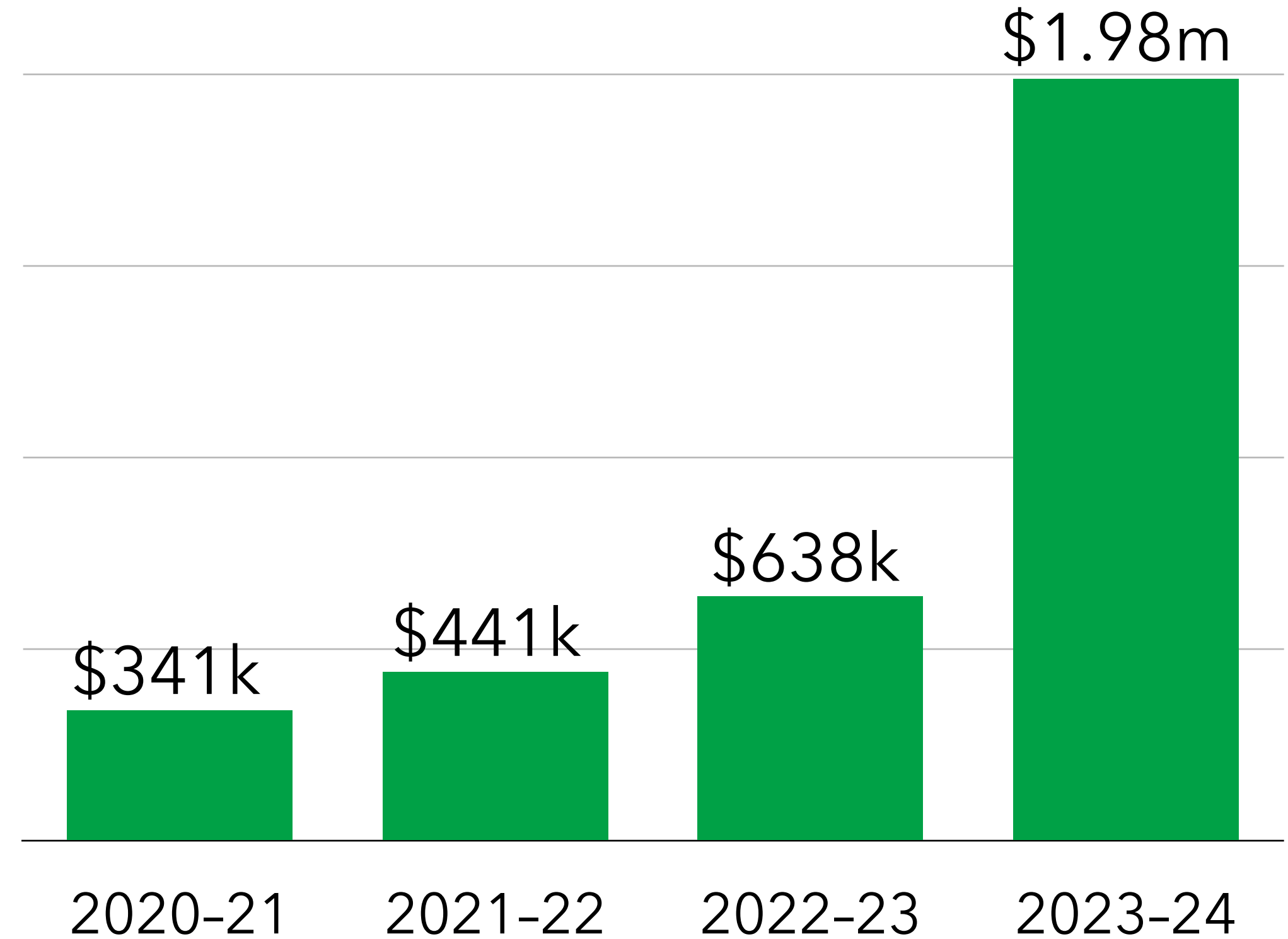


Institutional Projects – Year-over-year Comparisons

Number of ONCAT-funded Projects



Total Funding Awarded



Note: the above charts compare "core" funding opportunities for transfer, mobility, and pathway activities. Pilot programs (and other special funding opportunities) are not reflected.

Institutional Projects – 2023-24

For the first time in ONCAT's history, the total funding request from all applications exceeded the available budget allocation.

We anticipate that interest in ONCAT funding opportunities for institutional projects will remain high – and possibly even increase – for the 2024-25 year.

The impact of limits on international students adds a degree of unpredictability. Some institutions might pursue new funding sources; other institutions might pause any additional initiatives.

We encourage applicants to consider this context when developing applications for institutional projects.





2024-25 Funding Opportunities for Institutional Projects



Institutional Projects

ONCAT's 2024-25 funding opportunities

- ONCAT Capacity Grants
- ONCAT Collaboration Grants
- Indigenous Institutes Transfer Grants

Any publicly assisted college, university, and Indigenous Institute in Ontario is eligible to apply for ONCAT Capacity Grants and ONCAT Collaboration Grants.

Any Indigenous Institute in Ontario is eligible to apply for an Indigenous Institutes Transfer Grant.

2024-25 Funding Opportunities

ONCAT Capacity Grants

- Support the development and implementation of learner-centric policies, practices, and pathways at a [single](#) postsecondary institution
- \$25,000-\$75,000
- Applications are due by [4:00 pm on October 24, 2024](#)
 - Applications received after this point will be considered for the next application deadline: January 30, 2025



2024-25 Funding Opportunities

ONCAT Collaboration Grants

- Support the development and implementation of learner-centric policies, practices, and pathways across **multiple** postsecondary institutions or the entire postsecondary sector
- \$25,000-\$100,000 (larger grants may be considered for projects that include five or more postsecondary institutions)
- Applications are due by **4:00 pm on November 21, 2024**
 - Applications received after this point will be considered for the next application deadline: February 6, 2025
- **NEW for 2024-25**, applications related to program pathways and/or articulation agreements are encouraged to support the acquisition of skills and credentials for in-demand jobs in the following sectors: healthcare, marine transportation, advanced manufacturing, electric vehicles, critical minerals, mental health services/accessibility and housing



ONCAT Capacity and Collaboration Grants

Focus and Activities

- Expanding opportunities for learners to move between postsecondary programs and institutions
- Facilitating recognition of prior learning
- Maximizing credit that learners receive for their previous education and experience
- Reducing unnecessary, bureaucratic, or inequitable barriers that impede a learner's ability to pursue their educational and professional goals
- Helping learners achieve greater levels of academic success and personal satisfaction with their postsecondary experiences
- Supporting learners with transitions into the labour market



2024-25 Funding Opportunities

Indigenous Institutes Transfer Grants

- Support the development and implementation of learner-centric policies, practices, and pathways at a [single](#) Indigenous Institute
- \$25,000-\$75,000
- Institutions can submit an application [any time between October 24, 2024, and February 6, 2025](#)



Indigenous Institutes Transfer Grants

Focus and Activities

Through this collaborative funding opportunity, Indigenous Institutes can work with ONCAT to review the current state of transfer policies, student supports, data collection and reporting processes, pathway opportunities, and engagement with the postsecondary sector.

In addition, the Indigenous Institutes Transfer Grants can bolster operational capacity to implement transfer-related policies, practices, and pathways that will not only support individual learners, but also facilitate greater inclusion of Indigenous Institutes for learner mobility opportunities within Ontario's postsecondary sector.



Examples from 2023-24

- Improving administrative processes for transfer
- Providing academic and non-academic services for transfer students
- Increasing access to communities that are underrepresented at postsecondary institutions
- Developing curriculum related to transfer
- Expanding PLAR activities
- Launching strategies for using micro-credentials as an on-ramp for program enrolment

We encourage applicants to [review the complete list](#) of ONCAT-funded institutional projects from 2023-24.





Developing a Project



Purpose and Scope

ONCAT grants are intended to support projects with defined timelines and activities.

ONCAT grants are not intended to cover operating budgets for administrative departments and/or ongoing costs for permanent programs.

ONCAT grants cannot be used to support projects that have received (or have applied for) any funding from the Credit Transfer Innovation Grant (CTIG), eCampusOntario, and/or the Higher Education Quality Council of Ontario (HEQCO).

Defining Elements of a Project

Time

Projects have definable start and end dates.

- Projects may build upon the success of previous projects.
- ONCAT may determine that a series of consecutive projects – focusing on similar activities – is a permanent program (and thus ineligible for ONCAT funding).

Projects have “project milestones” – progress markers that can be identified by the completion of tasks, rather than the passage of time.

- Processing 100 courses is a project milestone.
- Processing courses for 4 months is not a project milestone.



Defining Elements of a Project

People

In order to start new projects, institutions typically need to expand their administrative capacity. Many ONCAT-funded projects involve the participation of **people who spend the majority of their time working on the project**:

- New hires – often on limited-term contracts
- Current employees – with project funding used for new hires to backfill the current employees' tasks
- External consultants – with judicious consideration of costs

ONCAT may determine that people who spend limited time working on the project are covered by the institution's operating budget (**and thus ineligible for ONCAT funding**).



Defining Elements of a Project

Deliverables

Projects produce deliverables that can be achieved through progress, rather than duration.

- Creating a PDF resource for transfer students is a deliverable.
- Working on a PDF resource for 12 months is not a deliverable.

NEW for 2024-25, applicants for institutional projects must identify and describe project deliverables using three categories:

- Materials for Institutional Use
- Materials for Public Distribution
- Substantial Accomplishments





Accessing the Online Funding Portal

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You must submit your proposal via ONCAT's online funding portal.

- Visit oncat.ca
- In the navigation bar along the top, click "Funding Opportunities."





Moving Student Mobility Forward

Click “Funding Opportunities”

ONCAT proudly works with Ontario's public colleges, universities, and stakeholders to collectively move the credit transfer system forward.

Funding Opportunities

ONCAT drives innovation to help postsecondary learners get where they want to go, no matter where they begin.

To accelerate the expansion and enhancement of opportunities for learner mobility, ONCAT supports Ontario's publicly assisted postsecondary sector through two broad categories of funding opportunities:

- Institutional grants for projects that bolster administrative capacity and/or foster productive collaboration
- Research grants for projects that generate new insights about issues related to learner mobility

Funding Opportunities for Institutional Projects

ONCAT has always focused on supporting students who wish to transfer within the postsecondary system in Ontario.

ONCAT's [2023–26 Strategic Plan](#) broadens and extends this focus to supporting learner mobility through the education-to-career journey, empowering learners to build on their previous education and work experience to achieve their personal, educational, and professional goals.

Here are ONCAT's 2024–25 funding opportunities for institutional projects:

[ONCAT Capacity Grants](#)



Click “ONCAT Capacity Grants”

- Support the development and implementation of learner-centric policies, practices, and pathways at a single postsecondary institution
- \$25,000–\$75,000
- **Applications are due by 4:00 pm on October 24, 2024**

Eligibility

- Any publicly assisted college, university, and Indigenous Institute in Ontario is eligible to apply for an ONCAT Capacity Grant.

Funding and Budgets

- You can request a minimum of \$25,000 and a maximum of \$75,000 in funding for the project.
- Review the [Budget Guidelines](#) for information about eligible expenses.

Applications

- You must submit your application via ONCAT's online funding portal.
- **Applications are due by 4:00 pm on October 24, 2024.** (Applications received after this point will be considered for the next application deadline: January 30, 2025.)
- We encourage you to allow sufficient time before the deadline to familiarize yourself with the online grant portal and to secure authorizations from senior administrators at your institution.

[Click here to apply for ONCAT grants](#)



Click this blue button

On this page, you may need to
scroll down to find the blue button

You will arrive at ONCAT's online funding portal.

Log On / Create an Account to Apply

Apply

2024-2025 ONCAT Capacity Grants Accepting Submissions until 10/24/2024

ONCAT Capacity Grants support the development and implementation of learner-centric policies, practices, and pathways at a single postsecondary institution.

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[Preview](#) [Send to GrantHub](#) [i](#)

The “Preview” button allows you to look at the application, but you can't access forms or submit responses.

Instead, you need to click this black button 

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 Quick Search 

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 Preview

 Send to GrantHub



You will arrive at the logon page for ONCAT's online funding portal.

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et le transfert – Ontario

Logon

Email Address*

Password*

Log On

Create New Account

[Forgot your Password?](#)

Follow these instructions.

Welcome to ONCAT's Funding Portal.

Interested in applying

- **New Users:** Please click on "Create New Account" to complete the registration process and create your logon credentials
- **Existing Users:** Please enter your credentials and log in. If you forgot your password, please use the "Forgot your Password?" link to the left to reset your password.
- You can preview our funding opportunities [here](#) before creating an account.

Please note that by completing the registration process, you agree to let ONCAT contact you regarding your application, projects or other funding related matters.




Applicant Dashboard

Hypothetical Institution

Active Requests 0

Historical Requests 0

 You do not have any Active Requests. Click [Apply](#) to begin the application process.



You may arrive at a page that looks like this.
If so, click “Apply.”

📄 Apply

Hypothetical Institution

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Application

Public Profile

Copy Previous Answers

Collaborate 0

Process: 2024-2025 ONCAT Capacity Grants

Contact Info

Request

Documents 0

Applicant:
Fictional Applicant



Organization:
Hypothetical Institution

If your organization information does not appear correct, please contact the funder. Thank you.

📄 Application

📄 Question List



You can download a PDF version of the application, which might be helpful when writing your responses. To download the PDF, click “Question List.”



Ultimately, though, you must enter your responses directly into the online funding portal.

**Project Summary***

- Provide a brief description of your project.

Use a two-sentence format: 1) provide a basic description of what the project will do; 2) specify some details about the project activities OR identify some benefits for learners.

Use plain language and avoid administrative jargon.

Do not use ampersands.

Do not include the names of any colleges, universities, or Indigenous Institutes.

Do not include references to any previous ONCAT-funded projects.

You must enter your responses directly into the space provided.

There is a limit of characters — *not words*.

300 characters left of 300

At the very bottom of the form, you can find buttons to “Save Application” or “Submit Application.”

∨ INVITE COLLEAGUES TO REVIEW OR EDIT THIS APPLICATION

You can invite colleagues to review or edit this application.

- [Click here](#) to watch a tutorial for setting up the “Collaborator Feature” in the grant portal.

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Process: 2024-2025 ONCAT Capacity Grants

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Fictional Applicant



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ONCAT Capacity Grants

Contact information – Project Lead

The “Project Lead” is the person primarily responsible for the administrative management of the project.

ONCAT will direct all project correspondence to the Project Lead.

- Project Lead Name
- Project Lead Title
- Project Lead Email
- Project Lead Phone

This question is for ONCAT's administrative purposes.

Your responses will not be evaluated.

Contact information – Project Authorizer

The “Project Authorizer” is the person who endorses the application on behalf of the institution.

ONCAT requires that applications for institutional grants are approved by a Vice-President (or their designate).

- Project Authorizer Name
- Project Authorizer Title
- Project Authorizer Email
- Project Authorizer Phone

[Upload your signed Project Authorization Form.]

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Project Title

Use plain language and avoid administrative jargon.

Do not use ampersands.

Do not include the names of any colleges, universities, or Indigenous Institutes.

Do not include references to any previous ONCAT-funded projects.

- Project Title

[limit of 85 characters]

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Project Title – Examples from 2023-24

- PLAR Navigator – Exploring Potential and Mapping Success of Prior Learning
- The Development of an Institutional Micro-credential Framework
- Inbound Transcript and Transfer Credit Automation
- Enhancing Student Experience with Improved Pathway Information
- Fostering Seamless Transfer Pathways for Academic Upgrading Learners
- Creating a Self-Assessment Tool to Support Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition
- The Development of an Efficient University Transfer Credit Processing Policy
- Best Practices Related to Articulation Agreements and Pathway Optimization
- Bulk PLAR Outreach Project
- Credit Equivalency Database Review and Enhancement
- The Transfer Student Experience Hub: From Mobility to Success

Examples provided for context only – not as specific guidance on application fundability.

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Do not use ampersands.

Do not include the names of any colleges, universities, or Indigenous Institutes.

Do not include references to any previous ONCAT-funded projects.

- Provide a brief description of your project.

[limit of 300 characters]

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Project Summary – Examples from 2023-24

- This project explores ways to expand equitable admission processes by creating a new PLAR policy and operations framework. The project aims to reduce barriers for non-traditional learners, cultivate innovative assessment practices, and increase access to postsecondary education.
- This project supports the development of an institutional micro-credential framework, along with new administrative guidelines and templates. The project intends to build capacity for the offering of micro-credentials that will increase learner mobility and improve transitions to the workforce.
- This project leverages technology to expedite admissions offers and transfer credit processes. The project empowers individuals to proactively plan their academic journey, facilitates more efficient pathways into the college, and fosters a positive and supportive experience for prospective students.

Examples provided for context only – not as specific guidance on application fundability.

Project Summary – Examples from 2023-24

- This project involves a comprehensive review of policies, procedures, and practices related to pathways and partnerships. The project aims to evaluate the processes and software used across the institution, with the goal of making pathways more accessible and transparent for learners.
- This project supports the development of a collaborative partnership with college stakeholders and community social service agencies. Individuals who engage in informal learning and volunteer work will have opportunities to receive recognition and academic credit that ladders to college programs.
- This project develops resources and programming that support the academic success and social connectivity of transfer students. The project will enhance the overall experience of transfer students by building academic skills, exploring career development, and fostering personal wellbeing.

Examples provided for context only – not as specific guidance on application fundability.

Anticipated Start Date

The “anticipated start date” refers to the commencement of the project activities outlined in this application.

Your anticipated start date should not precede the awarding of any funds from ONCAT.

Your anticipated start date should be scheduled at least eight weeks after the application deadline for this round of ONCAT Capacity Grants.

[Dropdown calendar]

This question is for ONCAT's administrative purposes.

Your responses will not be evaluated.

Anticipated End Date

The “anticipated end date” refers to the completion of all project activities outlined in this application.

Your anticipated end date must be scheduled not more than 18 months from your anticipated start date.

For administrative reasons, your anticipated end date cannot be scheduled for any date between February 15 to April 15 of each year.

[Dropdown calendar]

This question is for ONCAT's administrative purposes.

Your responses will not be evaluated.

Project Milestones – NEW for 2024-25

“Project milestones” are progress markers that can be identified by the completion of tasks, rather than the passage of time.

- *Processing 100 courses is a project milestone.*
- *Processing courses for 4 months is not a project milestone.*

For most projects, the sixth (and final) project milestone should be listed as “Submission of all Deliverables and Reporting Requirements.”

- List six project milestones.
- For each milestone, include a specific date and a one-sentence description.

[limit of 1200 characters]

Responses from highly rated applications vary in length.

ONCAT will evaluate the appropriateness of the project milestones to support the proposed activities.



Deliverables

Deliverables – NEW for 2024-25

All ONCAT-funded institutional projects must produce or complete “Deliverables” from at least one of the following three categories:

- *Materials for Institutional Use*
- *Materials for Public Distribution*
- *Substantial Accomplishments*

“Materials for Institutional Use” refer to any physical or digital assets that will be produced throughout the course of your project and then circulated within your institution, but not shared with the general public.

Examples of Materials for Institutional Use could include physical or digital assets such as administrative tools, process maps, policy documents, transfer credit databases, pathway/ articulation agreements, etc.

Deliverables – NEW for 2024-25

“Materials for Public Distribution” refer to any physical or digital assets that will be produced throughout the course of your project and then shared with the general public.

Examples of Materials for Public Distribution could include physical or digital assets such as a brochure promoting pathway opportunities, a website of resources for transfer students, a video series explaining the PLAR application process, etc.

“Substantial Accomplishments” refer to the completion of any significant activities or events that do not result in the production of physical or digital assets.

Examples of Substantial Accomplishments could include significant activities or events such as the offering of a course for transfer students, the digitizing of assessment processes, the analyzing of data related to learner mobility, etc.

Deliverables – NEW for 2024-25

Note that all ONCAT-funded institutional projects will submit the following Reporting Requirements:

- *Multiple progress reports – for ONCAT's internal review*
- *Evaluation Report that provides feedback about administrative processes – for ONCAT's internal review*
- *Achievement Report that describes project activities – ONCAT may publicly share with external stakeholders*
- *Financial Statements*

Deliverables – NEW for 2024-25

Materials for Institutional Use

- Provide a brief description of any Materials for Institutional Use that will be produced throughout the course of your project.
- If your project does not involve the production of any Materials for Institutional Use, write "N/A."

[Textbox with a limit of 1200 characters]

For each distinct deliverable, use a two-sentence format: 1) provide a basic description of the deliverable; 2) specify some details about the expected format, size, scale, duration, and/or audience of the deliverable.

Responses from highly rated applications vary in length.

ONCAT will evaluate the potential impact of the deliverable, as well as the feasibility of producing the deliverable with the proposed timeline and budget.

This is a major component for ONCAT's evaluation.

Deliverables – NEW for 2024-25

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Substantial Accomplishments

- Provide a brief description of any Substantial Accomplishments that will be completed throughout the course of your project.
- If your project does not involve the completion of any Substantial Accomplishments, write "N/A."

[Textbox with a limit of 1200 characters]

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Project Activities

Project Rationale

- Identify the situation you are trying to improve or the problem you are trying to solve.
- Describe how Ontario learners are impacted by the situation or problem.
- Provide evidence that highlights the significance of the situation or problem. For example, you might include data or anecdotes from your own institution and/or references to policy reports, research articles, or media stories.

[Textbox with a limit of 2400 characters]

Responses from highly rated applications are typically longer than 1800 characters.

ONCAT will evaluate the clarity of your response, as well as the significance of the situation or problem.

This is a major component for ONCAT's evaluation.

Project Description

- Provide a detailed description of your project.
- Explain the specific activities you plan to undertake.

[Textbox with a limit of 2400 characters]

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Impact and Evaluation

Impact

- Describe the potential for your project to create transformative and measurable change for Ontario learners.

[Textbox with a limit of 1200 characters]

Responses from highly rated applications are typically longer than 800 characters.

Evaluation

- Describe how you could potentially evaluate the short-term and long-term impact of your project.

[Textbox with a limit of 1200 characters]

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Sustainability and Scalability

Sustainability

- If your project involves the development or implementation of activities that could potentially continue in the future, describe how your institution might be able to sustain their continuation, maintenance, repetition, or expansion.
- If your project does not involve activities that could continue in the future, write "N/A."

[Textbox with a limit of 1200 characters]

Responses from highly rated applications vary in length.

ONCAT appreciates that some highly impactful projects do not involve activities that could continue in the future.

Scalability

- Describe how your project's activities could be potentially replicated across multiple postsecondary institutions or the entire postsecondary sector.
- If your project focuses on improvements to internal institutional policies or practices, write "N/A."

[Textbox with a limit of 1200 characters]

Responses from highly rated applications vary in length.

ONCAT appreciates that some highly impactful projects focus on improvements to internal institutional policies or practices



External Partners and Letters of Support

External Partners

“External partners” refers to organizations other than postsecondary institutions or paid consultants (e.g., community associations or industry stakeholders).

- If your project involves the participation of any external partners, provide a brief description of their role in the project.
- If your project does not include any external partners, write “N/A.”

[Textbox with a limit of 1200 characters]

Responses from highly rated applications vary in length.

There are no requirements for letters of support from External Partners.

Letters of support may be appropriate for projects that involve the participation of cultural communities or vulnerable populations.

Letters of Support

If you have multiple letters of support, you must combine them into a single PDF document.

- Submit a letter of support from each external partner. Letters of support should indicate that external partners are familiar with the project description.

[Upload letter(s) of support from external partners.]

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ONCAT Activities

ONTransfer.ca is a free tool to help students transfer between publicly assisted colleges, universities, and Indigenous Institutes in Ontario. ONTransfer.ca is maintained by ONCAT and funded by the Government of Ontario.

On a regular basis, most publicly assisted colleges, universities, and Indigenous Institutes in Ontario submit updated transfer and course information to ONCAT.

- Provide the contact information for the person(s) or department(s) at your institution that are responsible for submitting transfer and course information to ONCAT.
- If possible, identify the date that your institution most recently submitted transfer and course information to ONCAT.

[Textbox with a limit of 1200 characters]

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Your responses will not be evaluated.

Previous ONCAT Funding

ONCAT grants are intended to support projects with defined timelines and activities. ONCAT grants are not intended to cover operating budgets for administrative departments and/or ongoing costs for permanent programs.

- If your project continues any activities that were undertaken during previous ONCAT-funded projects, describe how your proposed activities will expand, enhance, or implement the work undertaken during those other ONCAT-funded projects.
- If your project does not continue any activities that were undertaken during previous ONCAT-funded projects, write "N/A."

[Textbox with a limit of 1200 characters]

Note that ONCAT records track the status of previous ONCAT-funded projects at all institutions.

ONCAT will evaluate your response to confirm your application's eligibility for funding.



Budget

Budget

Closely review the budget guidelines for information about eligible and ineligible expenses for ONCAT Capacity Grants.

Round each cost to the nearest increment of \$250.

Do not list in-kind expenses; this information complicates the evaluation process.

- Submit a detailed budget for your project, using the Budget Form provided by ONCAT.

ONCAT will evaluate the appropriateness of the budget to support the proposed activities.

This is a major component for ONCAT's evaluation.



Frequently Asked Questions

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Can ONCAT confirm details about future funding opportunities?

ONCAT is funded by the Government of Ontario. All programs and details are subject to change without notice.

Can institutions submit multiple applications?

Yes, institutions can submit multiple applications to ONCAT's 2024-25 funding opportunities for institutional projects.

- An institution could submit a single application to multiple funding streams (ONCAT Capacity Grant AND ONCAT Collaboration Grant).
- An institution could submit multiple applications to a single funding stream (ONCAT Capacity Grant).
- **Multiple applications from a single institution must focus on different projects.**



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How does ONCAT evaluate applications for institutional projects?

In fall 2024, ONCAT plans to evaluate applications on the following criteria:

- **Clarity:** the compelling rationale for the project and the detailed description of the project's activities
- **Impact:** the potential for the project to create transformative and measurable change for Ontario learners
- **Feasibility:** the appropriateness of the timeline and budget to support the proposed activities
- **Sustainability/Scalability:** the viability of maintaining or continuing the outcomes of the project's activities at your institution and/or replicating the project's activities across multiple postsecondary institutions or the entire postsecondary sector



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Does ONCAT provide full or partial funding to applicants?

In fall 2024, ONCAT plans to evaluate applications in three ways:

- Successful application – offer of full funding for the total request
 - Offers for “full” funding will typically range from 90-110% of the total request, based on a review of the proposed budget.
- Successful application – offer of partial funding for the total request
 - ONCAT recognizes that offers for partial funding might limit the viability of the proposed project. Applicants may decline the offer and submit a revised application for future funding opportunities.
- Unsuccessful application



Frequently Asked Questions

What expenses are eligible (and ineligible)?

Consult the ONCAT website for specific information.

Do we list in-kind expenses?

ONCAT appreciates that many projects involve the institution-wide contribution of resources.

Please do not list in-kind expenses. This information complicates the evaluation process.

How much money should we apply for?

Create a budget that realistically reflects your project's scope.

We do not encourage applicants to submit inflated budgets as a tactic to buffer against offers of partial funding.

Contact Info

If you have questions about the application process or online funding portal:

- send an email to Inna Yeranosyan, Grants and Projects Specialist.
- iyeranosyan@oncat.ca

If you have questions about eligibility, scope, or budgets:

- book a meeting with Nick Hanson, Vice-President, Programs, Research and External Relations.
- nhanson@oncat.ca
- [click here to book a meeting](#)

Please note:

ONCAT cannot provide a preliminary assessment of a project's suitability for funding.
ONCAT cannot preview applications before their submission.