Pathway Development
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 currently seeking proposals for **pathway development** projects that provide meaningful and relevant transfer opportunities to students through increased collaboration between postsecondary institutions in Ontario. The objectives of the funding stream are to create formalized transfer pathways, where formalized transfer pathways may not exist, but where there is clear interest and need expressed by students, and to increase transfer pathways for underrepresented students. This stream will fund projects that result in one or more of the following:

- *Creation of formalized transfer agreements in high-demand/interest areas underserved by current pathways.*
  This could include developing new pathways in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) areas; developing new pathways or system-wide pathways for university-to-university mobility, college-to-college mobility and university-to-college mobility, etc.
- *Development of new transfer pathways for underrepresented learners such as mature students, Northern students, Indigenous students, students with disabilities, and Francophone students.*
  This could include enhancing postsecondary access to programming/ educational pathways for underrepresented students to award transfer credit/admission towards a recognized postsecondary educational credential.
- *Creation of pathways leading to accredited credentials (e.g. professional programs) that effectively incorporate the constraints of regulatory bodies and/or professional associations.*
  This could include projects that work with regulatory bodies/associations governing professions to develop pathways for students. Key areas of interest include, but are not limited to, engineering, nursing, teaching, and technology.

Eligibility

Who Can Apply
- Postsecondary institutions in Ontario including Indigenous Institutes recognized by MTCU (www.ontario.ca/page/indigenous-students#section-0) are eligible to apply for this stream.
- Applications must be collaborative and consist of a lead applicant and partner(s) who have already confirmed participation.

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/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 pathway
- Pathways that are intended solely for internal use within an institution.
- Pathways developed with institutions outside the province of Ontario.
- Pathway proposals 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
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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