



## **Community-Engaged Learning (CEL) Course Fund**

The Centre for Community Partnerships (CCP) offers small grants of up to \$500 per course to support instructors teaching community-engaged learning (CEL) courses at the University of Toronto. This funding can be used for CEL courses to 1) support innovation, 2) recognize community partner engagement, and 3) address barriers to student participation.

### **Eligibility**

Instructors whose courses meet the definition of CEL below are eligible to apply. At the CCP, a CEL course has four characteristics:

1. It takes place in partnership with a community, and/or grassroots, nonprofit, or public organizations
2. It responds to community-defined priorities
3. It is reciprocal so that both community partners and students benefit from the engagement
4. It asks students to undertake reflection that connects their community engagement to the learning outcomes of the initiative

Funding can be used for:

### **Developing innovations in CEL courses**

- Developing resources for a course (e.g., creating a new online module or other learning asset)
- Supporting faculty, students or community partners who attend or present at conferences related to CEL
- Covering costs associated with TA and/or RA support hours
- Hosting a talk or conference related to CEL

### **Recognizing community partner engagement\***

- Providing honoraria or a meal for community partners who consult on course development
- Recognizing contributions provided by Indigenous Traditional Teachers
- Providing honoraria for guest speakers from external communities and community organizations
- Hosting a community partner meal as part of a CEL class
- Providing honoraria for community partner attendance at events related to course

*\*Applications to support under-resourced grassroots or volunteer-run community organizations will be prioritized.*

### **Addressing barriers to student participation**

- Reimbursing student transit, entrance fees or other costs for CEL-related field trips (e.g., tour of a community partner's space)
- Covering costs associated with student projects (e.g., printing costs)
- Costs for any training, testing or documentation required by the community partners for student participation in placement activities (eg. immunization record, TB test, Vulnerable Sector Police Check, food handling)

### **Application Process & Award Dissemination**

The 2024-2025 CEL Course Fund opens on **Monday, July 8, 2024** and must be for an initiative that takes place **before April 30, 2025**. CEL course instructors may apply for funding up to a maximum of \$500 per CEL course. The fund is first-come, first-served. Applications are assessed twice annually. Application deadlines are **Monday, September 30, 2024** and **Friday, January 31, 2025**.

To be considered for funding, applicants must complete a short application.

If a grant is awarded, funds will be transferred to your department. You will then liaise with your department's business officer regarding expense reimbursements and payments to community partners.

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