

The President's Grant for International Community Engagement

Purpose: The President's Grant for International Community Engagement seeks to encourage greater Interest in and understanding of less developed countries by supporting students who want to participate in an international development experience. The grant will provide up to \$5,000 for students to spend an extended period of time (minimum 6 weeks) working in a paid or volunteer role in a developing country on a project or projects that encourage educating and sharing of knowledge.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants must be continuing students (undergraduate or graduate) and must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents. In addition, students must secure a faculty mentor prior to applying. Applicants must be able to demonstrate an existing network or evidence of partnership with an organization in the developing country, either through their own involvement or through their supervising faculty member.

In addition, the proposed project must have a demonstrable, positive lasting impact on the community involved. For example:

- Helping to create new English language curriculum for a community, allowing students to continue learning English after the project is completed.
- Bringing new medical equipment for a hospital, teaching staff how to operate it, and then leaving the equipment behind for the hospital's continued use after completion of the project.

Application process: Applications must include the following:

- Application cover sheet
- Proposal (maximum 2 pages) outlining the student's interest in and commitment to international work, intended academic or professional outcomes of the project, a description of the placement and the nature of the work to be undertaken, including the nature of the network or partnership, any preparatory activities to be undertaken prior to departure, and the proposed timeline or tenure of the project.
- Budget (maximum 1 page) detailing the expected costs associated with the project.
- Supervisor statement of support (maximum 1 page) outlining the student's interest in and commitment to the project, well as an assessment of their capability to succeed.
- Risk management assessment (maximum 1 page) identifying potential risks and challenges associated with the anticipated international destination as well as the plan and/or steps that will be taken to mitigate the risks.

Evaluation Criteria: Applications will be judged on the strength of the proposed project, the network within which the applicant will work, the evidence of partnerships within the developing country and the potential for strengthening international networks, and capability of the student to undertake the project, and the long-term benefit to the community of the project. Successful applicants will be required to submit a report and/or prepare a public presentation for the University community and must be willing to be profiled in University publications.

Application Deadlines:

September 30th
January 31st
June 30th

Applications must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on the day of the deadline to the School of Liberal Education (attention: Bev Garnett; bev.garnett@uleth.ca), A812 in University Hall. Applications not received by that date will **not** be accepted.