

GLOBAL RESEARCH EXCELLENCE (GRE) SEED FUND:

Inaugural Call for Proposals: *2024-2025 Guidelines*

STREAM B: TOWARDS 2030: ADVANCING MULTILATERALISM

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Purpose:

Nations around the world have committed to accelerating progress towards the [Sustainable Development Goals](#) by 2030 to create a more inclusive and just world. We are fast approaching 2030 and progress towards the goals needs to be accelerated. Tackling these challenges require us to have honest, inclusive and respectful dialogue about differences and come together through multilateral organizations or platforms to accelerate solutions to shared challenges.

GRE-Stream B grant will support York faculty to inform, learn about, and help shape current & emerging multilateral priorities by supporting York faculty's **direct** engagement with:

- Intergovernmental organizations (UN system, G7/G20, OECD, ASEAN, African Union, etc.),
- AND/OR global platforms (World Economic Forum, Aspen Ideas Festival, Munich Security Conference etc.)

in collaboration with other key stakeholders to strengthen multilateralist approaches to resolving global challenges.

We encourage thoughtful consideration be given to equity, diversity, and inclusion in proposal development.

Early & Mid-Career Researchers at York are strongly encouraged to apply. However, graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, and visiting professors are not eligible to apply for GRE Stream B funding.

Value of Awards:

Up to 5,000 CAD OR 10,000 CAD OR 15,000 CAD

Please note, the amounts above are not annual year over year funding. The amounts are the total funding awarded for the entire duration of a funded activity.

Application Timelines:

- **Publication of GRE Call Guidelines:** Early 2024
- **Open for submissions to YI:** May 2024-April 2025. Please submit to GRE@yorku.ca
- **Deadline:** Rolling. Proposals will be accepted till the end of April 2025 or funds are expended/committed (whichever comes first).
- **Selection & award letters:** Within 4-6 weeks from receiving application.

Duration for the Use of Funds:

Up to one year from the remission of funds.

Eligible expenses (including for matching funds):

Use of funds provided through this stream **must only be for the following expenses:**

- Overseas travel expenses for the York faculty/their research group and other York students to travel as a delegate, speaker, or in a consulting role (airfare must be economy class).
- Organize workshops/events overseas (e.g., a side event on the margins of the UN Water Conference at the UN HQ in NYC).
- Inviting a high profile multilateralist leader/champion (e.g., UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Global Leaders Group-AMR, Chair-UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues) to campus and expenses associated with hosting them at York.
- Costs associated with York researchers publishing jointly co-authored material in open access.
- Travel expenses for underrepresented/marginalized groups/voices from outside York and are collaborating with York.
- At least 25% matching for eligible expenses is required (please see the Budget information in Application section below for more information).

Eligibility:

- All applications need to be proposals consisting of at least 2 or more York faculty.
- York applicants/co-applicants: Research-stream faculty leading/co-leading proposals is a requirement. Teaching stream faculty are eligible to participate as co-applicant/co-lead or collaborator.
 - Research-stream faculty, participating as applicant/co-applicant/collaborator, must have faculty appointment at York, be York FGS (Full/Associate) members, be eligible to hold research funds at York and have **up-to-date** (with York University Affiliation) & Public [ORCID IDs](#).¹ This is not a requirement for teaching-stream faculty participating as co-applicant/collaborator.

¹ ORCID IDs serve as unique identifiers to help researchers distinguish their work and funders to link research outputs (publications, data, and other research activities) to funding. ORCID IDs are an important tool to ensure research visibility and mobilization, especially in international and interdisciplinary contexts. Increasingly, ORCID IDs are imbedded in many research workflows and implemented as policy requirements by [journals](#), [publishers](#), and [funding agencies](#) to link researchers and their scholarly activities. Researchers are encouraged to ensure their ORCID IDs are up to date with their York University affiliation to accurately link research to researchers, as well as enhance the university's research impact and electronic CV project. Email metrics@yorku.ca for any questions

- York faculty participating as lead/co-lead/collaborator need to be fulltime active faculty at York.
- All applications require an international partner/collaborator/s that is a multilateral organization or must engage a multilateral platform (see “Purpose” section for more on the type of partner).
- If a York faculty member was funded by any GRE Stream in 2024-2025, and they decide to reapply for additional GRE funding in 2024-2025 as an applicant/co-applicant, they will only be considered if one or more of the following criteria/circumstances are met:
 - GRE funding that is conditional on securing external funding greater than the amount requested from GRE.
 - Demonstration of:
 - Robust project impact outcomes per the proposal for the previously funded project to scale/sustain that collaboration.
 - **OR** a robust effort to develop a new collaboration, through that previously funded project, which did not go beyond exploration/workshop/pilot project stage.

(If applicant/co-applicant has received-within the past two years- or is receiving any funding from York International/VPRI where funds can be used for international research collaborations, the similar eligibility requirements apply.)

- York applicants and their York collaborators funded by GRE agree to participate/be featured in institutional communications/outreach promoting research excellence at York and York’s global profile. Applicants should acknowledge GRE/York International support in any publications or knowledge mobilization activities arising from this grant as well as provide attribution on researchers’ Discover York Academics profile.

Application (Project description, Rationale, Budget, Milestones, Supporting Documents):

- **Project information**
 - What is the activity that will be made possible through the grant?
 - Project Description & Design:
 - What global challenge does this address, and how?
 - Scope, objectives, what role will be taken by York within the meeting/conference/workshop, and timeline (or draft program)?
 - How will the applicant engage under-represented and marginalized groups/nations, youth and other stakeholders (industry, NGOs, etc.) in learning, co-creation and sharing? (Please see links to resources [EDI](#), [DEDI](#), [ACU](#), [Africa Charter](#))
 - Communication plan to profile the activity and outcomes of the grant.

- **Academic Rationale**
 - What value proposition do York and the proposed activity bring to a global dialogue on a current/emerging multilateral priority?
 - How does this complement the team's and York's research, education and service/stewardship obligations/mission?
 - How does this proposed engagement align with Canada's national or sub-national priorities?
 - If this is a continuation of an existing international activity (e.g., attending a UN conference for X# of years), how will this grant help you differentiate the nature of the engagement from previous years?
 - Alignment with York's [Global Engagement Strategy](#), [Strategic Research Plan](#) and any other [major institutional priorities/strategies](#)
 - What funding gap does this funding stream help the applicant address in building a global research/knowledge mobilization relationship? A major goal of GRE is to address funding gaps in building new or deepening existing collaborations. If you have received other sources of funding that can cover similar eligible expenses as Stream B for this project, please disclose this and highlight why you are applying to Stream B.

- **Budget:** *Minimum funding requests should be 5,000 CAD or 10,000 CAD or 15,000 CAD. At least 25% matching for eligible expenses is required i.e. GRE funding requested will cover up to 75% of the eligible expenses. The remaining costs of the eligible expenses must be covered from other funding sources. For example, if applicant is requesting 15,000 CAD from GRE, eligible expenses need to be at least 20,000 CAD. OR if the eligible expenses are 20,000 CAD, GRE will only fund up to 15,000 CAD for the eligible expenses.*
 - Please consider leveraging internal grants ([FGS](#) or [YI international mobility awards for students](#) or other eligible internal grants supporting research available from the Office of Research Services and/or applicant's Faculty Research Office. For advice on options, contact your Faculty Research Office). To be used as a match, there needs to be confirmation of being awarded this funding.
 - In the budget narrative sub-section,
 - How the applicant will make responsible use of the funds.
 - How the amount funds requested align with the use/needs outlined in project information.
 - What kind of in-kind supports, if any, is the applicant receiving.
 - Please share whether the partner has funding on their end to cover all their expenses/the partner is offering any funding to cover any of York's expenses.

- **Commitment and plan to meet impact milestones:** *Demonstration of:*
 - How this is part of a sustained strategy by the applicant to address global challenges by strengthening multilateralist approaches to tackling them?
 - How will this benefit the broader university community & beyond? Where relevant, we encourage thought and attention be given to engaging university leadership, alumni & friends, high school students, community organizations, funding agencies/foundation, external media etc.
 - How will this benefit research and student learning at York?
 - Knowledge mobilization outcomes (e.g., op-eds, reports).

- **Supporting documentation**
 - Required:
 1. 2-3 page CV of York applicant/co-applicants: Please highlight prior/ongoing activities concerning global engagement, research grants awarded/proposals submitted (tri-agency & non-tri-agency), awards/recognitions, publications, graduate students/PDF supervised/under supervision, and any other knowledge mobilization/leadership/service activities.

Note: Teaching-stream faculty co-applicants are not expected to include research grants, or graduate/PDF supervision. Teaching stream faculty might include evidence of innovative curriculum developed that engages with relevant themes,

2. Proof of:
 - invitation/approval of admission if this for participation in an externally organized conference/meeting/processes (REQUIRED before funds are flowed).
 - OR Confirmation of participation in the event by the primary external invitee(s) if this is for an event organized at/by York (REQUIRED before funds are flowed).

 3. Documentation of confirmed matching funds for eligible expenses.
- *Encouraged:* Email/support letter from a relevant York ORU, CIRC, YRC or CRC or other research leader highlighting how funding the applicant strengthens York and team research excellence.

Evaluation

Selection Committee: Associate VPs Research, AVP Global Engagement and other stakeholders as applicable (TBC).

Criteria:

- Quality of the project design (25%)
- Academic rationale (25%)
- Impact, scalability, sustainability (40%)
- Likelihood for the project to succeed based on the quality, quantity and significance of the research, graduate/PDF training, global engagement, knowledge mobilization and leadership track record of the York applicant/co-applicants relative to the stage of their career (10%)

Support for the Committee & Implementation: Global Strategic Initiatives Team, York International

Receiving Funds & Reporting:

An awardee will need to hold the funds in a dept./Faculty/ORU cost centre established for the sole purpose of receiving the GRE funds. A chair/ADR/ORU head/other suitable signing authority will need sign off on the use of funds by awardee/their team.

Funds may be **approved conditionally** until all the supporting documents are provided (i.e., invitation for York to participate or confirmation of participation in a York organized event). Conditionally approved applications must **provide all the required supporting documents within 6 months of conditional approval.**

If an applicant is successful, the funds will be made available from May 2024.

Funds will need to be expended within 12 months from when the funds are remitted.

An interim email update 3-6 months from the receipt of funds and a final report no later than 12 months from the receipt of funds are required.

YI and VPRI will review report. A reporting template will be provided to awardees. If there is matching funding from other internal sources (e.g., Faculty or ORU), the report will be shared with those sources too.

Any remaining YI GRE funds, after the period permitted by YI to the awardee or before it-based on the progress reports/updates-, will be remitted back to YI.