

# STREAM A FAQs

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## PURPOSE/ABOUT GRE STREAM A

### 1. What types of collaborations does Stream A support

Stream A intends to support collaborations at every stage of research (i.e., co-creation to knowledge dissemination). Hence, the following types of international collaborations are within scope (list is not exhaustive):

- Collaborative research project.
- Proposal development for a research project.
- Workshops to explore collaborative research opportunities.
- Research trainee development (e.g., PhD, PDF).
- Bluesky research project with global industry (including multinationals based or operating in Canada).
- Knowledge mobilization opportunities:
  - Other types of industry collaborations.
  - Training foreign government officials.

## 2. What is the difference between GRE Stream A & B?

All, regardless of which GRE Stream, require an international collaborator.

Some of the biggest differences between the two streams are:

- Type of international collaborator & collaborations: Stream B requires the primary international collaborator to be a multilateral organization or platform (e.g., UN, ASEAN, etc.). Whereas Stream A is more open in terms of who the primary international collaborator can be.
  - Hence, Stream B has a stronger emphasis on informing public discourse/knowledge mobilization and learning than Stream A because of who the primary international collaborator has to be for Stream B.
- External funding: While external funding to sustain any international collaborations is important, Stream A places a greater emphasis on York applicants having a robust plan to secure external funding to not only support the activities in Year 1 but also significant funding to grow the collaboration. Hence, the higher matching requirements for Stream A.
- Who leads & who they engage at York:
  - Stream B proposals will hopefully have a stronger integration with institutional priorities/initiatives (e.g., ORUs, communications etc.) and engages a diverse York community as part of the collaboration (e.g., teaching stream faculty can be co-applicants).
  - Whereas Stream A recognizes that a number of the collaborations supported may be at the investigator-level and the Stream A York applicant/co-applicants and collaborators need to be research-stream faculty at York.

## ELIGIBILITY

### 3. Who can apply?

Full-time research-stream faculty at York University. Please see detailed eligibility requirements [page 4](#) of the Stream A guidelines.

# BUDGET

## 4. What are the eligible expenses?

Use of funds provided through this stream must only be for the following expenses incurred by York faculty/PDF/graduate students:

- Travel expenses for the York faculty and their research group (airfare must be economy class).
- Expenses for organizing workshops with partners.
- Grant writing for proposals with international partners.
- Costs associated with publishing jointly co-authored material with international collaborator in open access.

Tuition and bench fees will always be considered ineligible expenses.

## 5. Is there any flexibility for eligible expenses?

Requests for accommodating other expenses will be considered in the following scenarios:

- Collaboration with a partner from a developing-economy.
- Partner is located in a country which Global Affairs Canada has issued a travel advisory cautioning travellers to avoid non-essential travel/any travel.
- Participation of elders/knowledge holders from underrepresented/marginalized communities outside academia in guiding the research direction/design.
- Major external funding opportunities  $\geq$  200,000 CAD.
- Collaborating with global industry with R&D presence in Canada (e.g., Sanofi, LG) or global arts & cultural organizations (e.g., Aga Khan Museum) in Canada.

However, written pre-approval—to be included in the budget section of application—from York International is required to consider expanding the types of eligible expenses under these scenarios. Approval must be confirmed by email from YI representatives to the applicant. All final funding decisions will be made at the time of approval of successful proposals.

## 6. Does my partner's contribution to their expenses constitute as an eligible match for GRE?

Any funds set aside by the partner for their expenses is not an eligible match. However, if the partner sets aside funding for York faculty, graduate student, and PDF expenses, that would be eligible to include in the match.

## 7. How does the matching work?

For funding requests of 10,000-30,000 CAD, GRE Stream A funding requested will cover up to 50% of the eligible expenses (**see question 4 for eligible expenses**).

The remaining costs of the eligible expenses must be covered from other funding sources.

For example,

- if applicant is requesting 10,000 CAD from GRE, eligible expenses need to be at least 20,000 CAD.
- OR if the total eligible expenses are 20,000 CAD, GRE will only fund up to 10,000 CAD for the eligible expenses.

## 8. Who should apply for the 5,000-10,000 CAD awards?

These awards are primarily targeted at researchers who are:

- Early & mid-career researchers.
- Building promising high risk/exploratory stage relationships.
- In need of bridge funding to strengthen a proposal for external funding that was not successful in the last attempt.

Please note, there are up to fourteen 5,000 CAD awards that do not require a match to support proposals that meet these criteria. If your proposal does not meet these criteria but is otherwise academically meritorious and or the funding pool for these fourteen awards has been exhausted, we may require 50% matching for 5,000 CAD awards for approved proposals.

However, if you request 10,000 CAD, you will be required to come up with 50% matching for eligible expenses.

## 9. Who should apply for 15,000-30,000 CAD?

These awards are primarily aimed at York faculty requiring some matching funds to be competitive when trying to attract significant external funding (at least 5x the amount requested from GRE).

We are hoping that York faculty requesting 15-30,000 CAD in GRE funding are asking for conditional approval (i.e., awarding of the GRE funds if they are successful in an external grant competition).

We are planning to set aside a **significant share** of the funding available under Stream A to support collaborations that fit this criteria.