

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT GRANT: OPEN CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The **CCESC** at the Faculty of Education, Queen's University, together with its Community Advisory Committee, is inviting research teams to submit **project proposals**. These proposals should focus on specific themed areas related to **education** in formal and informal settings.

PRIORITY RESEARCH AREAS

ADVANCING INDIGENOUS PARTNERSHIPS IN EDUCATION RESEARCH

- This theme supports education-focused research developed in genuine partnership with Indigenous communities.

EXPLORING EDUCATION UNDER ECONOMIC ADVERSITY

- This theme invites research that examines how economic adversity shapes students' educational experiences in Kingston and across Ontario.

TRANSITIONS FOR NEURODIVERGENT YOUTH

- This theme area supports research that explores how neurodivergent students experience and shape their transitions beyond the school system.

OPEN CALL

- We are always interested in research projects that address pressing or underexplored issues on education and community engagement

CCESC Development Grants support research teams preparing for major external funding (e.g., Tri-Agency grants). The projects should promote **social change, strengthen community-university partnerships**, and produce **practical, accessible knowledge for communities**. Priority is given to **participatory research** that supports marginalized communities and social justice.

ELIGIBILITY

- The **Principal Investigator (PI)** must be a **faculty member at Queen's University**, and **at least one PI or Co-PI** must be appointed or cross-appointed to the **Faculty of Education**. Additional team members may include faculty from other higher education institutions, community organization members, and student researchers.
- Projects must involve at least one **committed community partner**.
- Applicants agree to work toward **developing and submitting a major external grant proposal** with the CCESC within 18 months of receiving support.
- Applicants may only submit/be part of **one submission** (but they can be named as co-researcher on other projects).

ADJUDICATION

Proposals will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- **Feasibility**
- **Rigour**
- **Relevance and Potential Impact**
- **Integration of Community Engagement**

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The **Proposal Application form** can be found [here](#). Applications will close on **April 7th, 2026 at 5:00 pm**. For questions, please contact Elizabeth Nelson, at een2@queensu.ca