

SCHOOL OF CITIES | Education

The School's mission is to convene urban-focused researchers, educators, students, practitioners, institutions and the general public to explore and address complex urban challenges, with the aim of making cities and urban regions more sustainable, prosperous and just. The School embraces equity and diversity as a source of creativity and inspired scholarship. The School aims to reflect the diversity of people and communities of the local urban region, and is especially committed to the active participation of underrepresented and equity seeking groups, especially Indigenous, Black, immigrant, and racialized people.

The School will reflect a global sense of urbanism, with attention to the interplay between local and global contexts, and the relationships and networks that shape a sense of place. Locally, its scope will include the cities and metropolitan areas that comprise the Greater Toronto Area.

The School's core values will inform its partnerships, and it seeks meaningful collaborations with its partners, recognizing that communities and their members are not sites or objects of research, but actors and collaborators in knowledge-making projects.

The School will serve as a vibrant intellectual hub and living lab for faculty, graduate students and undergrads. It will provide opportunities for students to have firsthand experience in urban research and contribute to the undergraduate experience by increasing the profile of urban studies research and teaching at the University and engaging undergraduates across divisional boundaries in its research activities, and potentially internships with community groups.

Small Grant Funds

Total annual budget:	\$25,000
Maximum per event / initiative:	\$1000
Rolling requests:	\$10k Oct-Dec (Review starts October 8)
	\$10k Jan – April
	\$5k May-August

Purpose:

The purpose of the School of Cities' Education Small Grants Initiative is to support teaching, learning and educational initiatives focused on cities and urban studies and to enhance students' learning experience as well as faculty curricular innovation, art practice and creative pedagogies. It is open to student groups, clubs and faculty at all three campuses.

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Criteria & Eligibility:

- Maximum of \$1000
- Department, program, student groups, faculty or other formal university organization have to also be a co-sponsor (can be non-budgetary)
- Priority to initiatives, activities, and events that are demonstrated to enhance the student experience, pedagogical innovation, learning and teaching focused on the study of cities from any disciplinary perspective
- Funds can be accessed once per year by each applicant
- Funds must be spent within 6 months of grant award
- Student groups, clubs, faculty and staff are eligible to apply
- Priority given to events and initiatives that are public, accessible and free of charge
- Eligible expenses: room rental, catering, event promotion, travel expenses, honorarium for guest speakers, field trips
- Other expenses to be approved on case by case basis

Process:

- Rolling requests from September to August – evaluations start on October 8, 2018
- To request funds, send an email to education.sofc@utoronto.ca with a maximum 1 page description, including the following:
 - Name/date of activity/event or initiative
 - UofT lead(s): Name, Department, College, Student Group
 - Description of Activity
 - Expected outcome and educational benefit
 - Budget – total budget plus proposal for how the School of Cities funds may be leveraged with money from other sources
- Responses will be provided within 1 week
- All successful initiatives will be promoted on School of Cities website and through social media, and other communications
- Acknowledgement of School of Cities support is requested on any printed materials and at events
- Original receipts required for reimbursement
- Following the event, provide a 300 word post-event narrative and summary of outcomes

