

2023

Partnership Enhancement Fund

Application deadline: August 30, 2023



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ACIC is excited to announce our new Partnership Enhancement Fund. This fund has been set up to facilitate connections and enhance relationships between ACIC member organizations and their international partners by providing travel funding for the partner to visit Atlantic Canada. In-person connections are an important element of building relationships, and we know there are few opportunities for our partners to visit Canada. We also believe that it is important for Atlantic Canadians to hear stories of impact and about issues citizens across the world directly from international partners.

The Partnership Enhancement Fund is a revised iteration of the Global Voices Fund that will be open to ACIC member organizations to support bringing their international partners to Atlantic Canada for fostering strong relationships, with a focus on mutual learning and engagement. The Partner Enhancement Fund emphasizes highlighting the success stories of ACIC members' international partnerships and providing an opportunity to share these stories with Atlantic Canadians and to expand on these connections. The purpose of this fund is to provide opportunities for Atlantic small and medium-sized organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, etc., working in the international cooperation sector, to strengthen partnerships with their international partners to engage and collaborate on issues related to international development and cooperation in the local context.

Creating an opportunity for ACIC members to bring an International Partner and share the successes of these partnerships in Atlantic Canada further connects to SDG #17 – Partnerships for the Goals by creating opportunities for strengthening relationships and fostering understanding of local contextual realities. Bringing partners to Atlantic Canada will also create opportunities for those partners to engage with a broad range of Atlantic Canadians and to build awareness and solidarity and to create deeper connections.

The Opportunity:

ACIC invites interested Atlantic Canadian organizations to submit an expression of interest. Applicants are encouraged to showcase strong partnerships between the Atlantic organization and the international partner, exhibiting strong ties to collaborate on learning and partnership around a development initiative. These collaborations must exhibit the partnership principles outlined in ACIC's Code of Ethics. ACIC also hopes that the collaborating for the Fund might open avenues for future wider partnerships between sectoral partners on both sides.

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We anticipate the actual delivery and travel to take place in the last week of October, aligning with ACIC's annual symposium (27 to 28 October) to provide an additional platform for public engagement activities.

The nominating organization will be responsible for organizing all travel logistics, including securing necessary tickets, insurance, and visas. Moreover, in the application form, the nominating organization should provide adequate proof that research has been conducted which demonstrates that the potential speaker is eligible to travel. ACIC would be pleased to provide accompanying visa support letters, where required, for travel visas.

Important Considerations:

ACIC member applicants are encouraged to consider how the individual's background and area of work pertains to the overall theme of the symposium. This year's theme, 'Cost of Change: Championing Social Justice, Health, and Well-Being for All,' will explore the web of factors that shape our society, and the role money and resources play in both creating disparities and elevating poverty in the world. Please read the theme statement for more information on the Symposium.

Exemplifying stronger partnerships, consideration will be given to value added to the Atlantic organization's work or additional public engagement opportunities that may exist in conjunction with the organization applying for the PEF. Symposium registration fee will be waived for the selected speaker. Note that registration through the symposium website will still be required for information purposes.

Eligibility:

Proposals will be accepted from ACIC members based in the Atlantic region. Candidates must be eligible and willing for traveling to Atlantic Canada around the last week of October.

Applicants must not have any outstanding final reports still to submit from previously ACIC-funded projects. Previous recipients of the Southern Speakers' Fund/Global Voices Fund are not eligible to apply.

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Applications must be submitted by August 30, 2023, at 11:59pm (Atlantic Standard Time).

Review Process:

A selection committee will review the applications and announce the recipient in the first week of September. Please refer to these guidelines for further information before submitting the proposal.

To submit your application, [click here](#). Or copy this link and press enter:

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ACIC Symposium Theme Statement

ACIC Symposium 'Cost of Change: Championing Social Justice, Health and Well-Being for All' will explore the web of factors that shape our society, and the role money and resources play in both creating disparities and elevating poverty in the world. The Symposium will delve into the complex dynamics of how individuals and organizations can fund change, while championing equity, and exploring the global and local shifts necessary to create a more inclusive and sustainable future for all.

With health being top of mind for individuals, communities and countries, the Symposium will, through a Social Determinants of Health Framework, and with an intersectional lens, explore the non-medical underlying social, economic, and environmental conditions that impact individual and community health and well-being. It will explore youth, Indigenous communities, and local and global perspectives to sustainability and change as we understand the recent acute economic disparities around the world, and its impact on community health. The Symposium will also highlight what Atlantic Canadians are doing to counter this and champion change in their communities.

At ACIC Symposium 2023, we will explore the cost of change under three sub-themes:

1. International Cooperation and the Cost of Power

Delving into the relation between power, money and resources within the international cooperation sector, the Symposium will explore the ramifications of decreasing overseas development assistance. It will examine the effects of political agendas and capitalist priorities driving economic agendas, the importance of localisation for long term change, and the different streams and avenues of funding accessed and available for organizations, communities, and individuals to affect change

2. Climate Change and the Cost of Action

In the face of climate change and recognizing its detrimental effect on social and environmental determinants of health, it will also examine sustainability, and the rhetoric around climate action being an expensive choice. It will critically assess the interplay between urgent needs in the face of climate change, and capitalism-driven fossil-fuel dependent economic growth which is further exacerbating its effect.

3. Decent Work and the Cost of Exploitation

The Symposium will also aim to understand and discuss the impact of extractive labour and capital exploitation practises around the world. Using decent work for all as foundation, it will discuss global labour issues focusing on migrant workers, the impact of gendered labour movements, the disparity between minimum and living wage.

The Symposium will foster dialogue and knowledge sharing through panels, workshops, and diverse speakers. Together, as international development sector actors, policymakers, youth, activists and Atlantic Canadians, the Symposium will explore how to fund and impact change to ensure social justice, health and well-being for all.