Preferential Partnership

University of Toronto & Ghent University

Call for funding

**Rolling application 2023-2025**

The **purpose** of these grants is to broaden and deepen research and educational collaboration between faculty and staff at the University of Toronto and Ghent University through 2025. Examples of eligible activities include but are not limited to:

* Initiating a jointly organized seminar, webinar, workshop, conference, or other academic event
* Fostering research collaboration between a UGent Masters or PhD student or post-doctoral researcher with peers at the University of Toronto
* Supporting the mobility of UGent Masters and PhD students, post-doctoral researchers, or professors to the University of Toronto

**Eligibility criteria**

Professors and post-doctoral researchers at Ghent University may apply for a seed grant at Ghent University; Masters and PhD may also apply but must be sponsored by a professor or post-doctoral researcher at Ghent University. Proposals must also be sponsored by a University of Toronto supervisor who holds a PhD and a professorial function at the University of Toronto.

Priority will be given to:

* projects to which the University of Toronto demonstrates **funding** **reciprocity**, such as a financial or in-kind contribution (see question 5, below)
* projects with the potential for **long-term collaboration** between the applicants/universities
* projects that have a clear **added value to the partnership**, and move beyond the individual endeavors of the researchers involved
* projects that involve **junior researchers** (i.e., Masters/PhD students) and **advanced researchers** at both partners
* projects that are able to present **a clear outline of how the budget will be spent**
* projects that will result in a concrete, **practical and reportable activity**

**Funding**

Proposals can apply for **up to €10,000**. Projects requiring additional funding are also welcome. However, applicants need to provide a clear justification for the additional funding. Expenses can include travel and accommodation costs, costs associated with invited speakers, venue rentals and catering, and publicity or valorisation costs, etc. Reimbursement is done on the basis of real expenses, upon receipt of a report, and for expenses that are not already covered by another funding agency to avoid double funding.

**The University of Toronto offers several potential sources of reciprocal funding:**

* 1. International Doctoral Clusters (IDCs), which focus on doctoral student exchanges and training and are a means for scaling up existing collaborations (<https://global.utoronto.ca/overview/>);
  2. [Collaborative Research Workshops](https://global.utoronto.ca/collaborative-research-workshops/), which enable early conversations in a potential collaboration. Existing collaborators are not eligible for these. It can be a great starting point for PIs who are interested in working together but have not yet had the opportunity to sit down (<https://global.utoronto.ca/collaborative-research-workshops/>); and
  3. Global Classrooms (GC), which offer an accessible way to internationalize teaching and learning experiences using online tools to enable global and cross-cultural collaborations, so that faculty and instructors to work closely with peers abroad, and connect classrooms in different parts of the world for co-teaching (https://global.utoronto.ca/global-classrooms-funding-initiative/)

**Deadlines**

* Application deadline: rolling application. Last submissions before 1 November 2025
* The funding must be spent before **31 December 2025**.
* Reporting must be completed 2 months after the finalization date of the activities, and before February 2026

**Application**

Please submit your completed application form via email to Andrew Bricker and Elise Meerburg ([partnership\_uoftoronto@ugent.be](mailto:partnership_uoftoronto@ugent.be)).

**Application Form for Funding**

**Partnership UofT and UGent**

## Title of the proposal

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## Ghent University supervisor (obligatory)

*The supervisor must hold a PhD degree.*

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| Institution(s) of appointment  *please add % of appointment, type and duration of the appointment* |  |
| Faculty |  |
| Department |  |
| Address |  |
| Phone |  |
| E-mail |  |
| Name of administrative staff member who can be contacted instead of the supervisor (if applicable) |  |

## Second Ghent University supervisor (optional)

*The supervisor must hold a PhD degree.*

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| Institution(s) of appointment  *please add % of appointment, type and duration of the appointment* |  |
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| Department |  |
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| Name of administrative staff member who can be contacted instead of the supervisor |  |

## Supervisor at the University of Toronto (obligatory)

*The supervisor must hold a PhD degree.*

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| Institution(s) of appointment |  |
| Position |  |
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## Second supervisor at the University of Toronto (optional)

*The supervisor must hold a PhD degree.*

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| Name of administrative staff member who can be contacted instead of the supervisor |  |

## Researchers involved in the project (if applicable)

*Copy the box below if you’d like to add more researchers.*

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## Proposal (max 2 pages)

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| 1. **Project Title** |
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| 1. **Keywords (at least 3)** |
| 1. **Project proposal** (max. 200 words):objectives, activities (timeline + dates), and key output(s). Indicate if/how this project relates to other ongoing work at one or both universities. |
| 1. **Amount of funding requested.** Maximum €10,000. Please specify how the money will be spent. |
| 1. **Specify the reciprocal hard financing or in-kind contributions of UGent and the University of Toronto** (max. 200 words)  * *Examples of in-kind contributions are the University of Toronto’s**graduate students’ (Masters/PhD) time spent collaborating on experiments, articles, event organization, etc.; financing for a jointly organized event; financing for the University of Toronto supervisor/graduate student to conduct a research stay at Ghent University, etc.* * *The University of Toronto**supervisor’s/PI’s time spent on this project cannot be considered an in-kind contribution.* |
| 1. **How can this funding lead to a long-term collaboration between the University of Toronto and Ghent University, or the two university communities more generally, beyond 2025?** |

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| **Ghent University** | **University of Toronto** |
| Supervisor’s name | Supervisor’s name |
| Signature of approval | Signature of approval |
| Date Signed | Date Signed |