

Centre for Global Disability Studies – Announcing the Small Grants Fund

The new Centre for Global Disability Studies is pleased to announce its 2020-2021 small grants fund. Faculty, graduate students, researchers, and units affiliated with University of Toronto are eligible to apply for these grants on a rolling basis. Grants of \$100-\$1500 will be awarded based on merit of the proposal and demonstrated excellence in the spirit of each award category and the mission of the centre.

About CGDS

The Centre for Global Disability Studies (CGDS) is a new research centre established in 2020. CGDS will serve as a catalyst to bring together faculty, graduate students, postdocs, and others conducting anti-ableist, intersectional, and interdisciplinary social science and humanities disability studies research from across the UofT campuses and broader community. CGDS seeks to support transdisciplinary research in disability studies, and promote a transnational, anticolonial approach to advancing the field of disability studies, with a strong commitment to accessibility and disability justice. Housed at UTSC, CGDS seeks to improve the campus climate for researchers and audiences with disabilities across UofT.

About the Awards

Each application must specify one or more of the following categories. You may apply to more than one category.

1. Research activities

- a. **Accessible Research** *Small grants to support accessibility for researchers or research participants with disabilities. This can include addressing access barriers in the conduct of research at field sites, archives, laboratories, etc. or in presenting research at a conference or workshop (e.g. a wheelchair-user research participant requiring more expensive accommodations than typical grant budgets allow in a given city; a graduate researcher with diabetes who needs financial assistance to ensure they will have sufficient insulin throughout a year long period of research abroad; a faculty researcher who will present at a conference but needs extra funds for a support worker to travel). CGDS requests that researchers name the centre as a supporter in subsequent publications, where appropriate.*
- b. **Disability Studies Knowledge Dissemination and Community Engagement** *Small grants to support scholarly publication or knowledge translation through the creation of public-facing scholarship, media, or community-engaged work. The work should translate disability studies research to broad audiences, including*

the general public, government, policy-analysts, activists, artists, research participants, or scholars. The purpose of this grant is to support researchers in creating outputs that benefit the broader community and support global disability justice. Possible requests may relate to: image rights in publications, technical costs related to creating videos, podcasts, websites, or other public-facing research outputs, costs related to reporting research findings back to a community of research participants, translation of outreach materials into non-English languages, etc. Media outputs should be designed to be accessible to a variety of audiences. Our centre is happy to work with you to plan for and determine disability access protocols (e.g. ALT text, Simple English, transcripts, audio description) appropriate to your proposed project.

2. Events

- a. Disability Studies and Disability Justice Events** *Small grants to academic units, working groups, faculty, researchers, and graduate students to support a visiting speaker, film screening, book launch, exhibition, etc. with significant themes related to disability studies, disability justice, and global disability studies. CGDS must be listed as an event co-sponsor, and events should be presented accessibly. Our centre will be happy to work with you to plan for increasing the accessibility of your event.*
- b. Accessible Events Matching Funds** *Small grants to support a unit undertaking measures to make campus events accessible to broader audiences. It is the responsibility of the hosting unit to budget for, and make, University of Toronto events accessible to audiences with a variety of needs related to disability and impairment. Too frequently, the matter is left unaddressed. The purpose of this grant is to incentivize and normalize unit support for accessibility. Therefore, CGDS will offer small matching grants to support accessibility elements at a research-related campus or public event (e.g. to support ASL, CART, or other accessibility measure), on any research topic or subject, in person or virtual. The grant is a “matching” grant in that the applicant must demonstrate that they have also obtained accessibility support funding from another institutional source before the grant can be disbursed. Other sources include a given unit's Dean's office, Departmental budget, AccessAbility Services, or an external grant. Our centre will be happy to work with you to plan for and to determine a budget for accessibility, and to assist you with approaching other units for matching funds.*

Award funds should be spent by April 30th [YEAR], though in most cases we can accommodate extensions. Funds will be subject to all university financial reporting. Information about these will be provided to awardees in their award letter. All award recipients must be prepared to provide a brief summary on how the funds were used to support you're their work, 60 days after the the end of the award. Any unspent funds will be returned to CGDS.

Center for Global Disability Studies Small Grants Application

How to Apply

Submit the following:

- the Award Application Coversheet (completed)
- the 1-page proposal description (1.5 spaced or roughly 375 words . This should include the title and brief description of the project or event, intended impact, and discussion of cosponsors or partners.
- a brief budget justification. This should indicate the cost and use for each budgeted item (e.g. “3 hours of CART captioning at \$50/hr” or “\$400 honorarium per panelist x 2 panelists.” We strongly suggest you get quotes in advance. If you have quotes, please also attach them.)
- a current CV for the applicant(s).

Applications should be submitted by email to cgds.utsc@utoronto.ca with SMALL GRANTS APPLICATION in the subject line. Grants are reviewed on a rolling basis; please allow 3-4 weeks for response. If a request requires expedited attention, please indicate this in your email by providing a one sentence justification for requesting the expedited review. At present the CGDS small grants are available only to members of the UofT campus community. Please propose community partnerships directly with an email to cgds.utsc@utoronto.ca.

CGDS SMALL GRANTS AWARD APPLICATION

Name: _____

On behalf of (if you are applying on behalf of a working group or department):

Unit / UofT affiliation (Department or Program): _____

Status / year in program (Job title or Degree stage): _____

Short description of group, if applicable:

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Application Category	Please tick <u>all</u> that apply
<i>Accessible Research</i>	
<i>Knowledge Dissemination & Community Engagement</i>	
<i>Disability Studies & Disability Justice Events</i>	
<i>Accessible Events</i>	

Project or Event Title: _____

One sentence summary of purpose:

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Total amount of requested funds: _____

Event or project co-sponsors (current and requested):

Please describe any possible or perceived conflicts of interest that may arise for CGDS in funding this proposal, and strategies you will take to address the issues:

Approximate timeframe for proposed event or research activity:

Five Keywords (to assist in selecting reviewers for your proposal):

Project Description

Below, please give the project or event title, a brief description of the project or event and its intended impact, and a discussion of any cosponsors or partners. 375 word maximum.

Budget Justification

Please include a brief itemized budget justification indicating how the funds will be spent (e.g. “3 hours of CART captioning at \$50/hr” or “\$400 honorarium per panelist x 2 panelists.”) If you have quotes or receipts for requested budget items, you can attach those instead of a budget justification.