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A photograph of two women in a laboratory. The woman on the left is holding a smartphone to record a video of a microscope. The woman on the right is wearing a blue face mask and glasses, looking at the microscope. The background is dark with a white curved structure.

Aspire-2040 Learning Transformations (ALT-2040) Fund Information Session

*We respectfully acknowledge the Syilx
Okanagan Nation and their peoples, in whose
traditional, ancestral, unceded territory UBC
Okanagan is situated.*



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Background

2015: The ALT-2040 Fund was first initiated to focus on transforming student learning through **innovations** implemented at the academic program level.

2019: The fund's scope and guidelines were re-structured to create a bridge from Aspire to Outlook 2040 strategic documents and encourage a wider range of projects.

2021: The Open Educational Resources grant pilot program was merged into the ALT-2040 Fund.

2024: The new Constellation Protostar fellowship stream was added to ALT-2040 to support the use of technology to create unique learning environments.

Selection of funded projects is guided by teaching and learning priorities expressed in the following plans and reports:

- Shaping UBC's Next Century
- Outlook 2040
- Indigenous Strategic Plan
- Declaration of Truth and Reconciliation Commitments
- Strategic Equity and Anti-Racism (StEAR) Framework
- Climate Emergency Task Force Report

ALT-2040 Priority Focus Areas

Projects funded through the ALT-2040 Fund are expected to introduce **innovations** that benefit UBC Okanagan students and align with one or more priority focus areas. In 2024, these eight priority focus areas include:



- Strengthening Indigenous-focused curricula and competence
- Incorporating equitable and anti-racist teaching and pedagogies
- Encouraging students' engagement with the climate emergency
- Creating or incorporating open education resources
- Redesigning course delivery to introduce innovative practices, universal design
- Recognizing skills or competencies within programs with non-credit credentials
- Working with external partners to develop micro-credentials for students & learners
- Producing or adapting educational materials through Constellation

Visit alt-2040.ok.ubc.ca/about-us to learn more about the 2024 Priority Focus Areas

2024 ALT-2040 Fund timeline



January 10, 2024: ALT-2040 Call for Proposals open

January 10 to February 29, 2024: Applicants develop project proposals

February 29, 2024, 3 PM: Submission deadline

March 2024: Stream adjudication committees review proposals and make funding recommendations

April 2024: Funding decision finalized and lead applicants notified

April-May 2024: Funds made available (as practical)



2024 ALT-2040 Fund streams



Stream 1: Open educational resources (OER) focus
Up to \$10,000

Stream 2: Course innovation partnership
Up to \$15,000



Stream 3: Learning experience enhancement
Up to \$25,000

Stream 4: Constellation Protostar fellowship (New in 2024)
Up to \$10,000

Open educational resources (OER) focus stream

Up to \$10,000 may be requested for projects focused on developing or adapting OER (e.g., open textbook, digital content, course assessments, course assignments) or incorporating open educational practices in one or more courses.

Priority will be given to projects which implement OER into multi-section courses or multiple courses, and projects that have high student impacts.



✓ Resources must apply an open copyright license (exceptions can be made for culturally sensitive materials)

✓ Resources must be published in an editable format

✓ Appropriate communication where students are participating in the development of the materials for a course

✓ Resources must follow accessibility guidelines

Course innovation partnership & Learning experience enhancement streams

Stream 2: Course innovation partnership stream – up to \$15,000 can be requested for innovative, research-informed projects focused on transforming existing courses and are conducted in partnership with one or more students.

Stream 3: Learning experience enhancement stream – up to \$25,000 can be requested to conduct innovative, research-informed projects that enhance an academic program or provide benefits across multiple programs.



Stream 2

- ✓ Course-level impact measures
- ✓ Nature of partnership with student(s) clearly articulated

Stream 3

- ✓ At least one primary impact measure at program level
- ✓ Includes micro-credentials implemented for program outcomes or enhancing teaching effectiveness

Constellation Protostar fellowship stream

Up to \$10,000 may be requested for student project workers and in-kind professional expertise (pedagogical support from CTL and technology from the Constellation network)

Preference will be given to applicants exploring new ways to incorporate student engagement with Constellation technologies and spaces in future classes.

Focus is to produce new, or adapt existing, education materials and resources.



Successful proposals to this stream are expected to:

- ✓ Prototype a teaching deliverable using the Constellation spaces.
- ✓ Participate in three workshops over the course of the year
- ✓ Produce a sharable summary report or develop a peer mentorship opportunity that demonstrates how others might use the prototype in their teaching.

Constellation space and technologies

Visualization + Emerging Media Studio

Used for:
Visualization and immersive media



Sawchuk Family Theatre

Used for:
Engagement and communication



Commons Service Hub

Used for:
Engagement and communication



Learn more about Constellation spaces at:
constellation.ok.ubc.ca

Constellation space and technologies

Makerspace

Used for:
Prototyping and ideation



Digital Design Lab & Design Stations

Used for:
Specialized software access



Soundbooth

Used for:
Audio recording and production



Studio 123

Used for:
DIY Media creation



Key differences between streams

	Stream 1. OER focus	Stream 2. Course innovation partnership	Stream 3. Program & learning experience enhancement	Stream 4. Constellation Protostar fellowship
Purpose	Create and/or adapt OER to provide students with meaningful, contextualized learning materials.	Develop and implement course innovations in partnership with one or more students.	Develop and implement innovations that enhance an academic program or benefit multiple programs.	Prototype and pilot innovative course elements that embed media and technology, and utilize Constellation network facilities.
Maximum funding	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$25,000	\$10,000
Maximum length	2 years	2 years	2 years	1 year
Course release	Not funded	Not funded	Not funded	Not funded
Sharing	Creative Commons	Within UBC	Within UBC	Within UBC
Proposal due date	February 29, 2024, 3:00 PM			
Consultations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OER Stream applicants are strongly advised to consult with the Open Education Librarian. • Constellation Protostar Fellowship applicants must consult with and obtain a support letter from their Constellation partner. • CTL consultation is strongly recommended. • UBC Studios consultation is strongly recommended for media projects. • Consult with the ALT-2040 Fund Manager regarding eligibility or other guideline questions. 			





Aspire-2040 Learning Transformations (ALT-2040) Fund

About ▾ How to Apply ▾ **Funded Projects** ▾

Apply Now

- Application Process
- Guidelines
- Application Templates
- Frequently Asked Questions

Visit alt-2040.ok.ubc.ca to learn more:

- Forms and templates
- Important dates
- Past project examples

ASPIRE-2040 LEARNING TRANSFORMATIONS FUND

**Applications due
February 29, 3 pm**





Questions?