

Introduction

The \$1.5 million dollar Online Program Development Fund provides funding to BC public post secondary institutions to increase the number of online courses, programs, technologies and services available to students in British Columbia. This fund encourages collaborative inter-institutional partnerships to create programs and services available to all B.C. students through the BCcampus portal. Learning resources produced through this fund become accessible system wide for sharing and reuse.

The Online Program Development Fund is issued via a call for proposals. Evaluation, selection and award is done by independent professional peer review against a set of criteria based on guidelines expressed in the call for proposals. The first round of this fund occurred in 2003.

On March 10, 2004 BCcampus announced a second round of the fund. The 2004 Online Program Development Fund (OPDF) call for proposals included a set of guidelines, an application form and a FAQ with a closing date of May 21, 2004.

Results

BCcampus received 77 proposals for online programs and courses, learning objects, open source technologies, and a learner online community representing a total request of over \$5 million dollars. Institutions committed to provide \$2.7 million dollars of matching in-kind funding. While all proposals came from public post secondary system institutions, 17 e-learning private sector companies participated as industry partners and many proposals included partnerships with non-profit organizations, hospitals, associations, community groups, First Nations and other key organizations throughout the province. The collective breadth and depth of these partnerships is itself a great indicator of the interest and capability BC has in online learning. BCcampus applauds everyone who participated in these proposals.

Proposals were evaluated June 7 & 8, 2004 by a team of eight reviewers including representatives from Selkirk College, University of Victoria, University College of the Fraser Valley, British Columbia Institute of Technology, Royal Roads University, Langara College, University of British Columbia and the National Research Council E-Learning Institute. The evaluation team selected 26 proposals for award.

Successful Proposals

	Title	Partnering Institution(s)
1	Adult Basic Education Provincial Level Math	Capilano College, Okanagan University College, North Island College, Northwest Community College
2	Online Course Development for Aboriginal Programs	Nicola Valley Institute of Technology, Simon Fraser University, University College of the Cariboo
3	Legal Administrative Assistant Online Program – Phase 2	Business Educators Articulation Committee
4	Conversion of English 250 (Advanced Composition) & English 286 (20 th Century Literature) to Online Format	Camosun College, North Island College
5	Conversion of Geography 232 (Cultural Geography) to Online Format	Camosun College, North Island College
6	Animal Health Technology Program	University College of the Cariboo
7	Child and Youth Mental Health Clinical Certificate Program	University College of the Cariboo, University College of Fraser Valley, British Columbia Open University
8	Classroom & Community Support Program Flexible Completion Modules	Douglas College
9	Certificate in Tourism Event Management	Tourism Educators Consortium & Tourism and Hospitality Articulation Committee
10	Interactive Online Professionalism Resource Suite	University of British Columbia, British Columbia Institute of Technology
11	Learning Skills 100 Online	Camosun College, University of Victoria
12	Adult Basic Education Provincial level First Nations	Northwest Community College

	Studies Course	
13	Access to Dental Hygiene Program	Vancouver Community College
14	Business Administration General Management Diploma Project	College of the Rockies
15	Horton Hears a Beep Part Two: Continued Development of a Comprehensive Set of Psychology Courses	University College of the Fraser Valley, Camosun College, Kwantlen University College
16	Anthropology 268 (Environment & Culture)	University College of the Fraser Valley
17	Technical Foundation for the Trades: Distributed Learning Program	British Columbia Institute of Technology, Capilano College, College of New Caledonia
18	First Nations Art Contexts: an online cluster of art history and studio courses	Emily Carr Institute, University of Northern British Columbia
19	Adult Basic Education Provincial History 060 Course	North Island College
20	Karst Landscapes, Systems and Processes Course	Malaspina University College, Simon Fraser University
21	Issues in the Social History of Nursing and Women's Health Course	Malaspina University College, University of British Columbia, University of Victoria
22	One Year Certificate Program in Computer Technology	Northwest Community College, University College of the Fraser Valley, North Island College, Selkirk College, Douglas College
23	Virtual Soil Identification & Classification Learning Objects	University of British Columbia, University College of the Cariboo, University of Northern BC
24	Creating Interactive Multimedia Learning Objects to Enhance Health Informatics Curriculum	University of Victoria, Simon Fraser University
25	Learning Objects on Design: A Multi-Disciplinary Primer	Simon Fraser University, Emily Carr Institute
26	Building an Integrated Intelligent Learning Object Authoring Environment: Learning Object Template Tools for Open Source Asset Management	University of British Columbia

Thanks to all those who submitted proposals and congratulations to the proposal winners. The successful development and delivery of these projects will continue to build BC's reputation as an online learning leader and improve access and mobility for students everywhere in the province.

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