

Strategic Priorities Fund – Rounds 1 & 2 Allocations 2021/22

In support of key priorities outlined in Western’s new strategic plan—[Towards Western @ 150](#)—the University is investing \$20 million in one-time funding for initiatives and activities that will contribute to and further the plan’s strategic commitments.

Faculty and staff from academic and administrative units across campus were invited to submit proposals in three funding rounds (deadlines in November 2021, January 2022, and April 2022).

Proposals are reviewed by Western’s senior leadership team on the basis of five criteria: 1) Alignment with strategic plan; 2) Benefits at the institutional level and corresponding measures of success; 3) Benefits at the Faculty/unit level and corresponding measures of success; 4) Plan and budget soundness; 5) Project feasibility.

Rounds 1 and 2 attracted a total of 66 proposals—a diverse range of high-quality initiatives from Faculties, Schools, and Administrative Units across campus. The following 24 projects have been awarded total funding of \$13.3M. Congratulations to all project leads and their colleagues.

Deadline for submissions to the third and final round of the SPF competition is April 14, 2022.

Project Name	Project Lead(s)	Round
Anatomy WALs (Western Active Learning Spaces) Beyond Walls	Laura Misener	2
Bkejwanong Greenhouse Project	Desmond Moser and Clint Jacobs	2
Canadian Severe Storms Lab	Katsu Goda and Greg Kopp	1
Carbon Solutions at Western University	Andrew Hrymak	1
Career Launch & Professional Development Programs for New Graduates	Katie Osborne and Terry Rice	1
Community Leadership, Engagement, and Entrepreneurship Lab (CLEE)	Michael Kim	1
Community Legal Services Expansion	Kimberly Gagan	1
Community-Based Social Science Research Consultancy	Marc Joannis	2
Connecting for Climate Change Action	Katrina Moser	2
Cultivating Alumni Partnerships for Work Integrated Learning	Sarah Dawson	1
Experimental Climate Change Research Centre (Biotron)	David Coltman	1
Frugal Biomedical Innovations	James Lacefield	1
Indigenous Learning Space Programming	Paula Cornelius Hedgepeth	2
Indigenous STEM Scholars Program	Joanne Moniz	2
International Student Welcome Program	Megan Sager	1
Medical Science Community Outreach Program	Jennifer Devlin, Jefferson Frisbee, Sarah McLean and Jedd Sardido	1
Multidisciplinary Graduate Program in Climate Risk	Greg Kopp and Kamran Siddiqui	1
Teaching and Sharing Strategies for Sustainability in the Museums Sector	Kirsty Robinson and Sarah E.K. Smith	2
Thinking Globally, Acting Locally: Students Driving Sustainable Development	Linda Miller and Jacquelyn Burkell	2
Toronto District School Board Partnership	Erin Huner	1
Wartime Canada – A Digital Resource	Jonathan Vance	1
WE Empower	Souzanne Armstrong	1
Western Immersive Reality Education & Development Lab	Paul Mensink	1
Western International Piano Camp (WIPC)	Michael Kim	1