**SDGs@UofT Catalyst and Synthesis Research Grant**

**Application Form**

This application can only be submitted using the [online submission form](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=JsKqeAMvTUuQN7RtVsVSEMPuUxbaSw1NuVVLY4x7fslUQjRRMllFSU9HNzZRR1c2UlEzV1EwRUdFTC4u), emailed applications will not be accepted. The form will allow attachments to be uploaded to the application. The deadline to submit the application is **11:59pm ET on March 1, 2024**.

All applications will be evaluated according to the [catalyst grant scoring rubric](https://sdg.utoronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/4.-Catalyst-Grant_Rubric.pdf).

For any questions about the applications, please email [sdg.admin@utoronto.ca](mailto:sdg.admin@utoronto.ca).

# **Section 1 – Research Team**

List the PI, Co-I’s, project collaborators and trainees who will contribute to the proposal. PI and Co-Is are those using funding while project collaborators are individuals not using funding. List any trainees in the Trainee section, including undergraduate, graduate students and postdoctoral fellows. Provide each team member’s name, position, affiliation, and contact information. Please also provide a brief description of each member’s role, clearly identifying the expertise and strengths they bring to the proposed research. Add rows as necessary.

## Principal Investigator:

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| Position, Institution and Campus: | |
| Role in Project: | |
| Career stage:  Early-career (<5 years  Mid-career (5-15 years)  Senior (>15 years) | |
| Yes No Is an affiliate of the SDGs Scholars Academy? *\*Required* | |

## Co-Investigators:

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| Position, Institution and Campus: | |
| Role in Project: | |
| Career stage:  Early-career (<5 years  Mid-career (5-15 years)  Senior (>15 years) | |
| Yes No Is an affiliate of the SDGs Scholars Academy? *\*Required* | |

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## Collaborators:

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| Position & Institution: | |
| Role in Project: | |

*Add rows if necessary.*

## trainees:

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| Position & primary Faculty/Division: | |
| Role in Project: | |

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# Section 2 – Project Proposal

## Title

## Poject Abstract (max 200 words)

Provide a summary of the proposal in lay terms. Ensure the summary includes proposal objectives and outcomes, and information on how it relates to the SDGs and your and/or the selected theme. For successful proposals, this summary may be added to the SDGs@UofT website and shared in communications related materials.

## Proposal CategoRy

Select the category you are applying:

Synthesis

Catalyst

Select the theme(s) most relevant to the objectives and outcomes of the proposal. Select all that apply. Review the themes and nexus areas here.

Research themes:

Establishing transition pathways

Measuring progress towards achieving the SDGs

Designing and evaluating interventions and instruments for sustainability

Exploring dynamic synergies among the SDGs

Nexus areas:

Food systems, gender, and environment

Energy, work, and climate change

Work, poverty, and justice

## Project Rationale (max 750 words)

Provide a description of the rationale for the project, its goals and objectives that outline the need for the research.

## Alignment and Impact (max 750 words)

Provide a description of how the project is aligned with the research theme(s) and nexus area(s) outlined in this call. Describe the expected impacts and/or outcomes of the proposal.

## Research Approach, Framework and methods (max 750 words)

Provide a description of the proposed research approach and methods and feasibility of your study. Note how your project will innovatively apply theoretical and methodological approaches to investigate the intersecting complex nature of the SDGs.

## Project timeline (12-24 months)

Provide a brief timeline of your proposed project, including milestones/deliverables, ensuring start to completion lasts no more than 24 months.

## Equity, DIVERSITY, and Inclusion

Equity is a cross cutting dimension of sustainability and a priority focus of the SDGs@UofT initiative. Explain how your proposed research will use EDI-practices to address Indigenous health, racial and gender disparity, and marginalized and vulnerable populations. Include details on community engagement prior to, during and after the research. For guidance and best practices for incorporating EDI into your research, review the [handbook created by the Office of VPRI](https://datasciences.utoronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/EDI-tips-and-resources_GENERAL_May2021.pdf).

## Budget and justification (Max 500 words)

Description of the research environment, and budget justification. Funds can be used to support student research assistantships (“RAs”), student stipends, research staff salaries, data access, data generation, cloud computing or storage, and fees (conference registrations, open access, etc.). Please distinguish clearly between trainee salaries (PDFs, Ph.D., Masters, and undergraduate students) and staff. Eligible expenses must align with [**U of T’s Guide to Financial Management**](https://finance.utoronto.ca/policies/gtfm/).

## Knowledge Mobilization (max 500 words)

Describe the knowledge mobilization activities that will support the dissemination of your work. Include a description of how the activities that will be planned, implemented, and monitored, including target audiences, performance indicators defining success/reach, and other relevant details.