

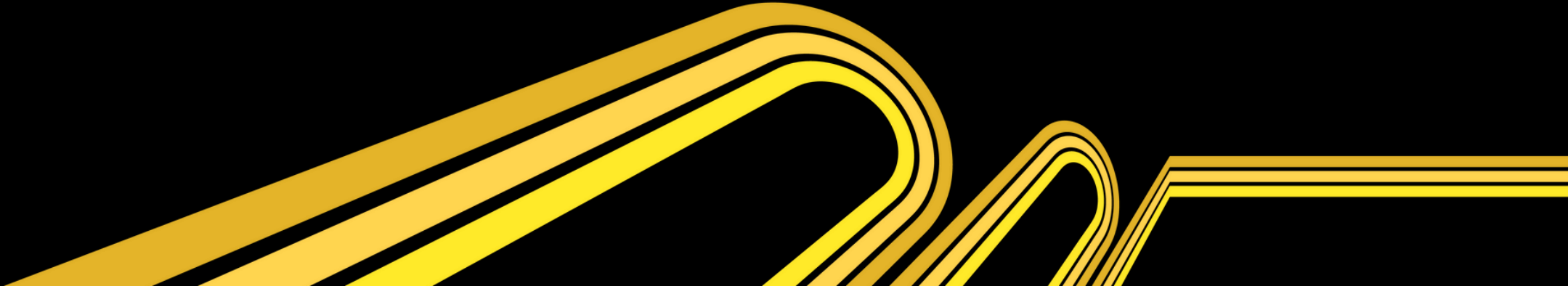
2027 OPEN CALL FOR TII PROJECTS

Teaching Innovation Incubator | Teaching Support and Innovation

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THE TEACHING INNOVATION INCUBATOR

- **TII Goal:** Support experimentation with bold teaching and learning ideas
- Seven projects actively underway
 - One inaugural “beta” project
 - Three 2025 cohort projects
 - Three 2026 cohort projects
- All project teams are cross-functional, cross-Faculty
- **Project evaluation focus**, not necessarily research
- Collaboration and exploration potential with **EdTech Sandbox**

Open Call Focus

The TII accepts any project with potential for impact on teaching and learning at UW



We encourage submissions that explore:

- Efficient and effective strategies for innovative teaching and learning
- Technologies or innovations that exist within the [EdTech Sandbox](#)



Consider the following when drafting project submissions:

- New approaches to teaching
- New assessment practices
- Innovative use of educational technologies
- Societal advances to improve our learning environment

Application Eligibility & Funding



Projects cannot be existing or future **research projects that are part of degree-granting** requirements



TII projects may count toward educational leadership for teaching stream faculty members under Policy 76/77



Project leads must be full-time UW employees (no such restrictions apply to other project team members)

Project entering the TII will receive \$20,000 for project-specific resources and dedicated TII project support

What TII Support Looks Like

- **Brokering of connections** for ideas, projects, and networking
- **Project ideation** support
- **Project management**
- **Advisory input and resources** to support project teams
- **Expertise** for regular and iterative **evaluation**
- Assistance with **progressive educational spaces and technologies**
- Ongoing **communication and event management**

Selection Criteria

Innovation within Context



Cross-Faculty Collaboration

Scalability and Impact



Institutional Alignment

Feasibility



Evidence of Existing Research

Team Composition



Project Expectations



**Engage regularly
with the TII team
for project support**

**Participate in
events to
showcase work to
the UW
community**

**Share project
updates**

**At the end of the
1st year prepare
either an interim or
final report**

Project Consultation & Adjudication

All project ideas should be shared for
consultation before submitting

Please reach out via email to:
tii@uwaterloo.ca

An **adjudication committee** will review all
submission using the **Innovative Project
Evaluation Rubric**

Proposals are due **December 1st, 2026**
Decisions will be announced in **January 2027**

Q&A