

ENACTUS CANADA FACULTY ADVISOR RESEARCH FUND

2024-2025 CALL FOR PROPOSALS

OVERVIEW

In an effort to continue supporting the hard work and dedication of Enactus Canada Faculty Advisors, Enactus Canada launched a Faculty Advisor Research Fund, graciously supported by the John Dobson Foundation. A pool of \$20,000 is available annually to support research projects that align with Enactus Canada's mission. Topics include, but are not limited to: experiential learning, youth entrepreneurship, the role of academic institutions in the community, social enterprise, corporate social responsibility, etc.

CRITERIA

In order to be successful, proposals must demonstrate the following:

1. Fits with the aim of the call: Proposes a study that will support the advancement of Enactus Canada's mission, which reads as follows "Enactus is a network of leaders committed to using business as a catalyst for positive social and environmental impact. We educate, inspire, and support young people to use innovation and entrepreneurship to solve the world's biggest problems."
2. Creates actionable insights: Generates insights to help guide decisions made by Enactus Canada and post-secondary educators as it relates to entrepreneurship education and experiential learning.
3. Project Feasibility: The viability of the proposal and its likelihood of generating results, based on the proposed budget, methodology and timelines, will be taken into consideration.
4. Innovation: Proposals that are original, innovative, and address a significant issue, will be given priority.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Selection Committee will be comprised of faculty from the Faculty Advisory Committee and Enactus Canada leadership team members.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for this a research grant, individuals must:

- Be an active Faculty Advisor of a recognized Enactus team in the Enactus Canada network
- If chosen, plan to attend the 2026 Enactus Canada National Exposition in May (depending on how long the research takes), to present the findings of their research.

APPLICATION SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURES

There will be one call for proposals in the 2024-2025 academic year. Application deadlines will be as follows:

November 15, 2024 – December 20, 2024

Applications shall be submitted using the provided Faculty Advisor Research Fund Application Form.

The selection committee shall meet via teleconference to adjudicate applications and shall aim to complete this by the end of January. Applicants shall be notified by email of the outcome of the adjudication of their application within two weeks of the selection committee meeting.

Retroactive applications will not be accepted. Research expenses need to be incurred after the application date to be reimbursed as part of this grant.

FUNDS

For the 2024-2025 academic year, the requested grant per applicant shall not exceed \$10,000. Please ensure accurate and full costs are included in the budget section of the proposal. A maximum of \$500 of this grant can be allocated towards travel expenses to the Enactus Canada National Exposition to present findings. Other acceptable expenses include, but are not limited to: equipment and supplies, books, subscriptions to journals, software, research assistants, etc.

ADJUDICATION CRITERIA

The Committee shall review applications with respect to:

- (1) the alignment of the proposal with the selection criteria outlined above;
- (2) the general quality and completeness of the application, including a detailed budget and required documentation, if applicable;
- (3) the intended outcomes and impact of the project or activity;
- (4) evidence of investigation, feasibility and planning regarding the proposed activity;

OPERATIONAL STIPULATIONS

Applicants understand that, by submitting a proposal, they agree to adhere to the following stipulations, should their proposal be selected to receive funding:

1. Ensure that the research is conducted in a way that follows your academic institution's research guidelines.
2. The funds will be used as described in the proposed budget. A detailed breakdown of expenses will be included in the Final Report. Should expense allocation differ from the initial proposal as the project evolves, amendments can be requested via email at programs@enactus.ca. Requests will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis by Enactus Canada.
3. The funds will be disbursed in one lump sum to the recipient once they have been selected.
4. Receipts and final expenses totaling the grant amount received must be submitted as part of the Final Report.
5. The recipient agrees to complete the required Final Report by May 31, 2026.
6. If chosen, the recipient agrees to present the results of their findings at the Faculty Advisor Meeting at the 2026 Enactus Canada National Exposition. Recipients presenting will be allotted a maximum of 10 minutes for this presentation.

CONTACT

Please direct any questions related to this initiative to programs@enactus.ca.