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Ontario Extend Sprint

Participant Expression of Interest

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The [Ontario Extend Program](#) is a bilingual micro-credentialed professional learning program designed for educators in a digital age. Through six modules, participants hone the skills and attributes that boost confidence to teach in a technology-enabled environment now and in the future. Extend is grounded in the belief that digital fluency is a process, not a product, and that learning to teach effectively with technology requires an experiential learning approach. The program takes on average 35 hours to complete in the Brightspace LMS and is designed to complement existing teaching and learning programming at Ontario's institutions. Ontario Extend is a key program offering of eCampusOntario and in completing the course t you will receive a recognizable sector micro-credential and join over 1500 educators who have engaged with our program.

Opportunity

Are you seeking a professional learning opportunity to build your digital fluency skills for teaching and learning? The Ontario Extend (OE) team is accepting expressions of interest from those working in Ontario's public post-secondary institutions to participate in an Ontario Extend Program Sprint offered by eCampusOntario in October-November 2023. This is a financially incentivized professional learning sprint for three weeks facilitated online. Participants will receive an honorarium of \$2,000 for completing the program. Eligible Ontario Extend Sprint Participants are likely to hold positions as instructors, staff, researchers, instructional designers, educational technologists, librarians, graduate students or

other professionals working for, or in support of, a Teaching and Learning Centre. Indigenous and Francophone educators are [encouraged to apply here](#).

Contribution Timeline and Description

Ontario Extend Sprint Participants will complete the following fully remote sprint during the designated sprint timeframe. This includes attending and participating in three synchronous cohort sessions each week for three weeks and completing a total of 30-35 hours of self-paced course work during this same time period:

Ontario Extend Sprint October 31 - November 16: synchronous sessions on Tuesdays (6-8pm) Wednesdays (12-2pm) Thursdays (6-8pm) - full attendance and participation are required in discussions and activities during these 9 sessions.

Note: the October 31 Kick off session will be held at 12-2PM for all sections. Additionally, there will be limited space in sections with all sessions held at 12-2PM on the same days mentioned above – please indicate your preference and availability on the application form.

How to Get Involved

eCampusOntario encourages interested participants to apply by completing the application form [here](#).

Eligibility

Employed as a faculty member (including sessional or contract), staff member, or graduate student at an Ontario publicly-assisted University, College or Indigenous Institute commencing day of participation.

Have the capacity to participate during the project period of October 31st and November 16th

This is an opportunity for new Ontario Extend participants only. A new participant is defined as one who has not yet applied for and/or been awarded any of the six Ontario Extend badges.

Technical Requirements

As an Ontario Extend Sprint Participant you have reliable access to:

- a computer with a microphone and webcam
- high-speed internet connection
- professional/personal Google account

Participation

As an Ontario Extend Sprint Participant you will:

- Agree to the expectations set forth in the contribution timeline and description.
- Meet the eligibility criteria.
- Meet the technical requirements for participation.

Adhere to the [eCampusOntario Code of Conduct](#) during the sprint program.

Expression of Interest Instructions

Submit your application by 11:59pm on October 18th 2023. Only successful applicants will be notified the following week.

Equity, Decolonization, Diversity, and Inclusion Statement

The current social context informs our work. This includes the imperative to join the fight against anti-Black racism and anti-BIPOC racism, and to support Equity, Decolonization, Diversity, and Inclusion in everything we do. We will seize this moment to rebuild and support an environment that prioritizes inclusion, representation, and voice.

Accessibility Statement

In accordance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA), eCampusOntario is committed to accommodating applicants with disabilities throughout the talent acquisition process. If you require any accommodations at any point during registration, please contact extend@ecampusontario.ca