



## Grants and Funding

The provincial initiative, FutureNB, allows us to open up two opportunities for funding at St. Thomas University: the Faculty Experiential Learning Grants, and the Faculty Incentive Fund.

### Faculty Experiential Learning Grant

St. Thomas University has partnered with the provincial government to support various class-based experiential learning activities. **The objective of the Faculty Experiential Learning Grant is to support costs associated with creating for-credit and co-curricular experiential learning opportunities for students** that fall within the framework of current classes.

The grant will be used to fund projects that enable students to apply what they have learned in the classroom to a real-world context. These grants will be awarded on a rolling basis and decisions are made by the President's Advisory Committee on Experiential Learning.

[STU Faculty Experiential Learning Grant Application Form](#)

### Is the Faculty Experiential Learning Grant Right for Me?

To be eligible to apply for funding from the faculty grant for class-based experiential learning, proposed projects must meet the following guidelines.

- ✓ be offered off campus (ex. field trips, observational research, site visits, community service learning, travelling to and participating in community performances. etc.).
- ✓ be offered in New Brunswick.
- ✓ be a new or expanded initiative.

While experiential learning projects hold tremendous potential for student growth and community engagement, it is important to remember that such projects should not conflict with students' class schedules. Additionally, other commitments (work and family) may limit students' ability to participate in the proposed project and faculty should take this into account when planning experiential learning activities.

#### Examples of successful projects:

- Anthropology student trips to provincial cemeteries for data collection.
- Social Work student field trips
- Travel stipends to visit non-profit organizations followed by reflection assignments.

## Application Procedure:

- Submit a formal application using the online application form available here: [STU Faculty Experiential Learning Grant Application Form](#)
- Please submit your application at least one month before the experience is set to occur. The Experiential Learning Advisory Committee meets bi-weekly during the academic year to evaluate submissions.
- If your opportunity will incur a cost of \$50 or less, you can contact clara@stu.ca directly with your proposal at any point.
- You will be contacted of the committee's decision as soon as possible with follow-up steps.

## Faculty Incentive Fund:

The Experiential Learning Faculty Incentive Fund supports strengthening partnerships between faculty members at the four provincial publicly funded universities and employers operating in New Brunswick to expand, identify and connect undergraduate university students to tailored work integrated learning opportunities related to their chosen field of study. **The overarching goal is to create incremental growth in opportunities at institutions, and to build capacity and sustainability.** Decisions on applications are made by the NB Provincial Steering Committee on Experiential Learning.

Please contact us for more information and to see whether the provincial steering committee is accepting applications at the moment.

The three overarching objectives of this provincial fund are:

1. Develop awareness and interest amongst faculty to offer curriculum based experiential learning opportunities
2. Increase faculty capacity and access to resources to heighten experiential learning opportunities
3. Increase university and employer/community collaboration

## Questions?

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