



Application

Work Experience Enhancement, 2024-25

Ministry of Education and Child Care

Please complete this application, save it as a PDF, and email it to educ.skills@gov.bc.ca by 4:00 PM on September 13, 2024.

Please title your application's PDF file and the subject line of your email using the following naming convention:

For individual school districts (or partnership leads): SD#_SD Name_Work Experience Enhancement_2024-25

For groups of independent schools (lead school only): Independent School Name_Work Experience Enhancement_2024-25

Section 1 – Funding Type

- \$50,000 For individual school districts or groups of three or more independent schools.
- \$100,000 For partnerships of three or more school districts *or* a combination of two school districts and three or more independent schools.

Section 2 – Contact Information

Please fill in the table below with the lead contact's information.

| LEAD CONTACT'S INFORMATION | | |
|---|--------------------|--|
| Name and # of school district / Name of independent school | | |
| Primary Contact Person | Name | |
| | Job Title/Position | |
| | Email Address | |
| | Phone Number | |

If you are applying as a partnership or group of independent schools, please list the partnering school districts/ independent schools in the table below.

| | Name of partnering school district(s)/ independent schools |
|-------------|--|
| Partner #1 | |
| Partner #2 | |
| Partner #3 | |
| Partner #4 | |
| Partner #5 | |
| Partner #6 | |
| Partner #7 | |
| Partner #8 | |
| Partner #9 | |
| Partner #10 | |

If you are applying as a partnership or as a group of independent schools, please describe the benefits of the collaborative model you envision, how it will function for the purposes of this initiative, and the roles and responsibilities of each partner (250-word max).

(If you are applying as an individual school district, you may omit this section from your application and proceed to Section 3)

Please provide a statement (i.e., 1-2 sentences) confirming that all partners are aware of this application, their role in it, and are willing to participate in this initiative.

Section 3 – Additional Applicant Information

Did you receive a grant in March 2024 for the previous intake of the Work Experience Enhancement Initiative?

Yes

No

If you selected 'no' please skip the next question and proceed to Section 3.

If you selected 'Yes', please articulate how funding through this year's Work Experience Enhancement Initiative intake would strengthen your work beyond the scope of your previous application, and any new innovations outlined in this year's application (250-word max).

Section 4A – Sectors

Please indicate the sector(s) and area(s) of focus you plan to investigate during this initiative.

(Select all that apply. If you select 'other,' please enter the name of the area of focus you wish to investigate)

Technology

- Engineering
- Computer Science
- Digital Animation and Visual Effects
- Agritech
- Electric Vehicles and Related Infrastructure
- CleanTech
- Aquaculture
- Adaptive Technologies
- Veterinary Medicine
- Robotics
- HVAC
- Other: _____

Climate Change and Emergency Management

- Search and Rescue
- Emergency Management Planning
- Climate Change Mitigation, Adaptation, and/or Response
- Wildland Firefighter Training, Education, and Research
- Other: _____

Explain why you are proposing to concentrate on these specific sectors and areas of focus (including if you selected "Other" in) (250-word max).

Section 4B – Sectors (Continued)

A local *Sector of Importance* can be defined as a local economic/employment sector with high labour market demand. Select the below box if you propose to focus on a local *Sector of Importance*.

(Note: You may choose a Sector of Importance in addition to one or both sectors listed above, or you can focus on this sector by itself.)

Local *Sector of Importance*

If you selected 'Local *Sector of Importance*' please describe the local sector you are focusing on and provide evidence that it is in high demand (250-word max).

(We encourage you to reference labour market data or other related information in your response. Appendix A lists several sources that you are welcome to consult and reference.)

Section 5 – WEX Enhancement Project Details

Describe how your project will increase work experience opportunities for students. Additionally, outline plans for establishing new partnerships or enhancing existing ones (250-word max).

(Considerations: anticipated occupations, staffing, employer partnership outreach per sector.)

Describe the types of WEX placements you intend to secure (250-word max).
(Considerations: in-person/virtual, paid/unpaid, local/regional, rural/remote)

Describe how this grant will ensure that new or expanded WEX opportunities will be accessible for and inclusive of Indigenous students, youth in care, and/or students with diverse abilities and disabilities (250-word max).

Describe your plans to maintain relationships with employers in future school years to support ongoing access to these WEX placements (250-word max).

Section 6 – Funding Request

Please provide a preliminary budget with a rationale for each item. The items listed below are examples and may be revised as necessary.

| Anticipated Expenses | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Item | Rationale | Estimate |
| Career Education staffing capacity | | \$ |
| Local travel | | \$ |
| Meetings | | \$ |
| Admin support | | \$ |
| Accommodation | | \$ |
| Other: | | \$ |
| | | \$ |
| | | \$ |
| | | \$ |
| | | \$ |
| Total | | \$ |

If more than 50% of your requested funding is to be allocated to Career Education staffing capacity, describe how you would sustain this capacity beyond the timeframe of this initiative (250-word max).