



Call for Research Project Proposals: Articulation Committee Project (ACP) Funding Program

The BC Council on Admissions & Transfer (BCCAT) encourages the development of flexible and innovative transfer arrangements among BC post-secondary institutions. BCCAT recognizes that there may be constraints on transferring credit, and seeks to minimize transfer-related inequities and difficulties faced by students and institutions. Additionally, there may be transfer-related issues that are specific to particular academic disciplines.

The Articulation Committee Project (ACP) funding program provides funding for articulation committees to conduct research into issues affecting transfer and articulation in their discipline(s), or to develop new types of transfer agreements. The ACP funding program replaces BCCAT's Transfer Innovations (TI) funding program that operated from 2000 to 2019.

The Transfer & Articulation Committee (TAC) of BCCAT invites research proposals for Articulation Committee Project funding in 2021-22.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

For the 2021-22 academic year, TAC invites proposals for transfer-related research projects on these themes:

- Academic integrity
- Indigenization
- Impact of COVID-19

Proposals will also be accepted for transfer-related research on other themes, and for research on transfer-related issues in specific disciplines. However, to be eligible for ACP funding, all proposed projects must address transfer and articulation issues.

The maximum amount of funding available for an ACP project is \$15,000. More than one articulation committee can participate in a project proposal, but the maximum amount of funding for a single project will be \$15,000 regardless of the number of articulation committees involved.

Projects that are *not* eligible for ACP funding include:

- Maintenance or updating of existing transfer agreements, e.g. "cleaning up" transfer information in the BC Transfer Guide
- Research that is more appropriately funded or supported by BCCAT's Research Committee or Admissions Committee (other BCCAT calls for research proposals are posted at <https://www.bccat.ca/projects/call>)



- Research on one of the themes identified above that is not related to transfer, e.g. research on how teaching and learning has been affected by the pandemic-related switch to online course/program delivery
- Projects from an articulation committee that BCCAT currently does not support, or from other types of organizations

HOW TO APPLY

Proposals are submitted by an individual who will act as the project contractor and be responsible for work on the project. The application must be supported by an articulation committee or committees.

Project contractors must read the [BCCAT Contractors' Guide](#) before completing a proposal. Proposals must be submitted using the form available at <https://www.bccat.ca/articulation/projects>.

Please submit proposals to acp@bccat.ca by 4 pm PST on August 23, 2021. Late and/or incomplete proposals will not be evaluated.

BCCAT staff will review proposals for completeness and accuracy, and will obtain evaluations of the project from the referees named in the proposal. BCCAT staff may also request that contractors develop the proposal further before it proceeds through the adjudication process. Contractors are encouraged to submit proposals as early as possible, to allow time for referees to provide comments and for revisions to the proposal if necessary.

Proposals will be adjudicated by TAC at its September 2021 meeting. Successful applicants will be notified as soon as possible after that meeting.

Please note that BCCAT staff may decline or redirect proposals for projects that do not fit the ACP funding mandate, or projects that they do not feel are feasible, without taking these project proposals to a TAC meeting. The decision to decline or redirect a proposal will be made by BCCAT staff in conjunction with the TAC Chair.

ADJUDICATION

Applications for funding will be assessed by TAC using these criteria:

- The completeness of the application
- The quality of the content of the application, e.g. adequate description of the research topic and its relevance to transfer and articulation; satisfactory explanations for budget items
- Appropriate qualifications of the contractor, e.g. if the research involves a survey, the contractor's experience in designing and administering surveys and analyzing survey data
- Support for the project by the sponsoring articulation committee and by the contractor's home institution
- The outcomes of any past research projects supported by the sponsoring articulation committee



- The outcomes of any past research projects by the proposed contractor
- The comments by the referees asked to assess the proposed project
- BCCAT staff's recommendation for or against funding the project

Project funding may be granted by TAC with conditions, e.g. with changes to the proposed budget or to the proposed scope of the project.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information about applying for ACP funding, please contact Mike Winsemann, BCCAT Director of Transfer and Technology, at mwinsemann@bccat.ca.