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## Call for International Doctoral Cluster (IDC) Applications

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**What is an IDC?** International Doctoral Cluster is a research and doctoral education arrangement in a well-defined area/issue of research that brings together a critical mass of complementary talent (PIs, PDFs and graduate students) at U of T and partner institutions (academic/corporate/NGO etc.) in the form of an alliance that is more than the sum of its parts.

**Goals:** Support cross-disciplinary and border collaborations to catalyze new ideas and transformational innovations.

### Desired Outcomes

- 1. Knowledge transfer:**
  - High impact academic papers and other publications
  - Highly Qualified Personnel
  - Licenses & Spin-offs
- 2. Funding:** Leverage larger sources of external funding to sustain partnership
- 3. Attract top global talent** (e.g. doctoral students)
- 4. Enhance global exposure/fluency** of our university community
- 5. Multidisciplinary global knowledge networks**

### Funding Model:

Office of the Vice-President International (OVPI) and the School of Graduate Studies (SGS) will seed fund the associated mobility costs for U of T students, PDFs, and faculty.

- OVPI and SGS will fund up to 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the budget, generally, capped at 33,000 CAD/Year

- PIs should mobilize the rest from within and beyond the University (e.g. division, Tri-Agency, industry, philanthropy etc.)
- PIs are not expected to mobilize the entirety of these funds at the start of the program. However, PIs are expected to demonstrate at the end each fiscal year that for every dollar spent from SGS and OVPI funds PIs have leveraged and invested two dollars from other sources into the program.
- Funding will be provided for up to 3 years initially and renewed for another 2 years subject to internal review

**Deadline:** Feb 1, 2018

**Submitting Proposals:** For more details

Interested U of T faculty should collaborate with international partners to develop a 2 – 3 page proposal and submit it to OVPI. The proposal should include

- Participating researchers and research theme
- It must demonstrate
- Academic case
- Critical mass and synergy
- Budget and funding sources
- Implementation/administration plan and model (e.g. how will PIs recruit top students to this program, will students be co-supervised/travel overseas as exchange students etc.)
- Sustainability
- Other factors to consider: strengthening existing undergraduate mobility pathways

For more information please [visit](#)

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