

Matching Funds for Research Collaboration with KU Leuven

Global Seed Fund 2027

The Office of the Vice-President, International (OVPI) offers matching funds to University of Toronto Principal Investigators (PIs) participating in winning [2027 KU Leuven Global Seed Fund](#) projects. These matching funds support the U of T PI and their U of T collaborators in carrying out project activities supported by the KU Leuven Global Seed Fund.

Value and Duration of Matching Funds

- The amount awarded per project will depend on the number of successful seed fund applications, with a maximum of CAD 15,000 awarded per project to the U of T PI.
- Matching funds must be spent by December 31, 2027.

Eligibility to Hold These Funds

U of T faculty members who meet [the University's definition of a Principal Investigator \(PI\)](#) are eligible to hold these funds.

- PIs must hold an appointment for the full duration of the grant funding period plus one year.
- Successful status-only PIs must hold grant funds at an account within the University.

Eligible Matching Costs

The following activities are eligible for this funding:

- OVPI funds must be used to support costs incurred by the U of T PI or their U of T collaborators in participating in the KU Leuven project. These costs might include, for example, travel costs (including flights and accommodation) for the U of T PI(s) and/or their U of T team to meet with international collaborators in connection with the [KU Leuven Global Seed Fund](#).

The following costs are ineligible for funding:

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| • Replacement research/teaching costs | • Conference attendance |
| • Directly allocated costs including applicants' time | • Tuition fees |
| • Indirect costs | • PhD stipends |
| • Equipment | • Salaries of permanent and fixed term staff |
| • Scholarships | • Honoraria |

Application Procedure

- U of T PIs collaborating with a KU Leuven PI on a seed fund application must submit an *expression of interest* for matching funds to U of T by **October 5, 2026**, via email to international@utoronto.ca. This expression of interest is in addition to the application for the KU Leuven Seed Fund itself, and is a requirement for U of T PIs only.

- Applications to the KU Leuven Global Seed Fund must be submitted according to the KU Leuven's guidelines. Information can be found [HERE](#).
- U of T PIs on teams selected by KU Leuven for seed funding may request matching funds from U of T once KU Leuven has released the results of the selection process. Requests for U of T matching funds must include: *copy of the seed fund proposal, U of T matching funds budget request and justification, and a description of the U of T PI's role in the project*. The request and information must be sent to international@utoronto.ca.

Reporting Requirements

As a condition of receiving this award, all recipients are required to submit a one-page narrative report six months after the end of the grant period. The report should detail funded activities, including a breakdown of expenditures and the outcomes of the collaboration.

Information about the Matching Funds

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