VISION: A THRIVING WORKFORCE, ORGANIZATION, AND COMMUNITY!
APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

- Grant program to further enhance the physical and psychological health, safety and the quality of life for all faculty and staff.

- Encourages faculty and staff across all campuses and research stations at the University of Guelph to help promote wellbeing in their workplace through the implementation of a tailored health-promoting program, approach or idea in their workplace.
OVERVIEW

• Departments/groups can apply for a seed grant for their initiative.
• Departments/groups are encouraged to collaborate with other groups to submit a joint application
• A sub-committee of the Wellness@Work Advisory Committee will review applications

WHAT IS HEALTH?

“Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.” (World Health Organization, 2011)
IMPORTANT DATES

- July 6, 2023: Applications open
- July 31, 2023, at 5 pm: Deadline to submit applications
- August 28, 2023: Applications notified of decision
- January 2024: Mid-term progress check-In
- March 29, 2024, at 5 pm: Funding spending deadline and all financial documentation submitted. Final report due.
PRE-DETERMINED AREAS THAT HAVE A MAX FUNDING

- Arboretum Activity/Workshop ($500)
- Art and Create Expression ($500)
- Bike Share ($1000)
- Community Garden ($2000)
- Cross-Campus Collaboration ($3000)
- Employee Wellness Retreat ($3000)
- Learning and Development Training ($2000)
- Mental Health Training ($3000)
- Nutrition and Healthy Eating ($2500)
- Team Health Challenge ($2500)
- Yoga or Fitness Classes ($1000)
- Innovative New Idea ($3000)
SCORING CRITERIA

- Program or initiative description
- Program alignment with priority elements of the Wellness@Work Initiative and Okanagan Charter
- Needs assessment
- Health benefits
- Evaluation and outcomes
- Sustainability of initiative
- Proposed budget and approved costs
- Innovation and Uniqueness

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PROGRAM OR INITIATIVE DESCRIPTION

• Applicants encouraged to theme their application around a specific topic that integrates a multi-pronged approach to improve health behaviours rather than a one-off workshop or event
• Specify the goals or objectives of your initiative
• Clear and succinct description of your idea
• How often and for how long will it run?
• How many staff and/or faculty within your department will have the opportunity and are anticipated to participate or take part?
PROGRAM ALIGNMENT: THREE PRIORITY ELEMENTS OF THE WELLNESS@WORK INITIATIVE

- Physical Well-being
- Psychological Well-being
- Social Well-being
1. Embed health into all aspects of the campus culture, across the administration, the academic mandate and operations.
   - Embed health in all campus policies.
   - Create supportive campus environments.
   - Generate thriving communities and a culture of wellbeing.
   - Support personal development.
   - Create or re-orient campus services.

2. Lead health promotion action and collaboration locally and globally.
   - Integrate health, wellbeing and sustainability in multiple disciplines to develop change agents.
   - Advance research, teaching and training for health promotion knowledge and action.
   - Lead and partner towards local and global action for health promotion.
NEEDS ASSESSMENT

• Application must be based on consensus of the department/group and not just one person’s ideas
  • Consider asking: What would make the most significant difference to promote your wellbeing at work?

• Some ideas to gain insight from your colleagues:
  • Send around a survey or questionnaire
  • Host a brainstorming session
  • Bring forward an idea at a team meeting for discussion
  • Collect ideas on a bulletin board or in a jar or kudoboard
  • Put together a wellness committee or social committee to help pull together an application
• What are the anticipated health benefits of your program or idea?
• Why would participants in your department/group or unit benefit from the proposed initiative?
• Look at research and best practices to help inform your decision
• Share your anticipated outcomes
• Describe what a successful initiative/program would be in your department/group
  • What do you hope to achieve?
• How will you evaluate the success of your initiative?
  • Track attendance numbers
  • Send around a pre- and post- survey
  • Hand out an evaluation form
  • Host a focus group or interviews
  • Collect testimonials from colleagues
PROGRAM SUSTAINABILITY

- Put consideration into what might happen after the grant money has been used.
- Is there a plan for how this initiative could continue beyond the grant if successful?
- AVP or Dean to share how they plan on supporting this program and ensuring its sustainability moving forward.
PROPOSED BUDGET

For example:

Community Garden
2 Costco Garden Trugs 500
6 bags of soil  100
Watering can & gardening tools 200
Plants and/or vegetable seeds 300
Promotional materials to recruit volunteers 200
Garden launch event with Hospitality refreshments  200
TOTAL amount requested 1500
Successful grant recipients will be notified of their approved expenses at the start of the program. Although not an extensive list, some approved costs may include:

- *Prizes, Incentives or Trophies (not to exceed $500)
- Food and catering (not to exceed $500)
- Promotional materials (not to exceed $100)
- Small equipment purchases that will remain within the department/group (not to exceed $300)
  - Includes pedometers (excludes other tracking devices such as fitbits/jawbones, etc.)
- Room rental fees
- Instructor, speaker or facilitator fees
- Workshop costs
- Kick off or wrap up event

*Gift cards are considered a taxable benefit and must be reported to Human Resources
NON-APPROVED ITEMS

Costs that will *not* be approved for a Wellness@Work grant include and are not limited to:

- Operational expenses
- Hiring of faculty/staff/student to coordinate or support the program
- Primary research costs
- Renovations, furniture, artwork or special equipment purchases
- The purchase of stereo or electronic equipment
- The purchase of fitness tracking devices such as fitbits/jawbones (pedometers are acceptable)
- Individual monetary reimbursements for gym memberships/fitness classes/assessments
- Charitable donations in either an employee’s name or the department/group’s name
- Alcohol or any illicit substances
- Activities that are considered risky, dangerous or unsafe
READY TO APPLY?

READINESS CHECKLIST

I have...

☐ support and endorsement from my AVP or Dean to submit a grant application

☐ conducted an informal needs assessment to determine what would interest and benefit colleagues in my department/group

☐ considered the health benefits and potential outcomes of the program or idea on the staff/faculty

☐ been thoughtful about how to create an accessible and inclusive program for diverse employees

☐ determined how the program or idea will be evaluated/outcomes measured

☐ discussed how this initiative might be able to be sustained and continued beyond the one year funding available

☐ reviewed the application form to ensure all information necessary to complete the grant application has been included
SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

• The application form is a fillable Qualtrics form that is to be submitted digitally.
• Applications must be submitted by 5pm on July 31th, 2023.
• Incomplete applications will not be accepted or reviewed.
U of G Women, Work and Wellness
What are your challenges to living and working well?

Friday, November 23, 2018
7:30 to 9:00 a.m.
Peter Clark Hall

7:30 am Networking
8:00 am Presentation on how emotions impact our wellness and sharing personal stories
8:10 am Reflection and facilitated discussion

Join colleagues from across campus for the second of six sessions to share wellness ideas and practices for working women.

RSVP by Friday, November 16 to surveylink or for more information contact Claire Alexander at Ext. 53098
QUESTIONS?
Welcome to Wellness @Work at the University of Guelph

The University of Guelph is committed to supporting the well-being of the entire person for all University of Guelph staff and faculty through a comprehensive, integrated, evidence-informed workplace health promotion strategy. The Healthy Workplace Advisory Committee helps the University to meet this commitment. All staff and faculty are encouraged to participate in Healthy Workplace programming and initiatives; feedback is welcome at any time.

Quick Links
- FHT to Move Activity Challenge, 2017
- Healthy Workplace Month, 2017
- Wellness@Work Champions
- Wellness Resources
- Healthy Workplace Policy
- Healthy Workplace Advisory Committee

Programs
- Employee Assistance Program (EAP)
  Access to counselling is available 24 hours per day, seven days per week through Homewood Employee Health (toll-free at 1-800-663-1142).
- Athletics Subsidy and Staff-Only Classes
  Low-cost on-campus gym

News
- Aug 20th, 2017
  Be a Wellness@Work Champion
- May 12th, 2017
  University Launches New Wellness@Work Initiative

Upcoming Events
- Sep 22nd, 2017
  Employee Assistance Program (EAP)
THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS OR IDEAS?
Email wellnessatwork@uoguelph.ca or call ext. 56705.