



**GRADUATE
SUPERVISION
CAPACITY-
BUILDING**

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND



**20 grants available
up to \$500 each**

For graduate faculty who want to strengthen their graduate supervision practice through purposeful professional development.

YOU BRING THE PLAN

- Identify a PD opportunity that supports your growth as a graduate supervisor
- Pitch how it will build your skills and approaches

YOU APPLY

- Apply for the funding
- Take the PD opportunity in 2026
- Claim funds by December 2026

YOU SHARE THE LEARNING

- Recipients present key takeaways to a graduate studies-focused forum

To apply, please read page 2 for details and instructions

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Who can apply?

Any full-time graduate faculty who want to strengthen their graduate supervisory practice.

When does the PD opportunity have to take place?

Preferably during 2026, but talk to us.

Are invoices and proof of payment required?

Yes. No funds will be released in the absence of an official invoice and proof of payment.

Can I apply twice?

No. There will be one PD award per person.

What type of PD opportunities are acceptable?

The most straightforward types of opportunities are direct workshops that explicitly pertain to some aspect of graduate supervision. However, if a workshop will equip you in the work of supervision in your discipline, for example, then pitch how. For example: attend a qualitative research workshop and then apply what you learn in your supervisory meetings by integrating it into how you teach and give feedback to a graduate student. This also works for a mathematics workshop, as long as your pitch explains how you'll use it as a supervisor and includes concrete examples.

What goes in my application?

The professional development opportunity full description, the cost and date(s), relevance and how it supports your growth as a graduate supervisor, the ways it will build your skills and approaches, and how you intend to share the learning.

How will I be reimbursed?

You will submit both your invoice and proof of payment for reimbursement through Concur. More details will be given upon approval.

When should this opportunity take place?

You must pitch, receive approval, take the workshop and claim it prior to the end of 2026.

Who can I talk to if I have questions?

Reach out to Cheryl van Daalen-Smith at fgsadacd@yorku.ca