



CUE Research Award – 2026

Description:

The Centre for Urban Environments (CUE) funds multiple research projects through the CUE Research Award. The maximum award per project is \$2,000, and proposals can be submitted by any graduate student or post-doctoral fellow based at UTM. Work can be proposed on any topic related to urban environments, regardless of discipline. Cross-disciplinary proposals are particularly encouraged.

Application

Completed by the applicant

Please provide a two-page application that includes the following:

Page 1: Clearly state i) the project title; ii) the research objective or questions; iii) sufficient background that explains why the project is important, novel and timely; iv) methodology or a description of how the objectives will be achieved; and v) a concise timeline of the proposed project, indicating what will be achieved within one year of receiving funding.

Page 2: Please provide a concise budget justification. The budget justification should describe the total project costs and how the requested funds will be used, including cost estimates.

Please write for a general audience and avoid jargon or discipline-specific terms. The proposal should be single-spaced, 12-point font with 2.5cm margins. References are optional and can be provided on a separate page, corresponding to numbered superscripts in the main text.

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria: 1) clarity of the research objective/question (20%); 2) importance and novelty of proposed project (20%); 3) feasibility of the project in the proposed timeline (20%); 4) the fit of the proposed project with CUE's vision and mission (15%); 5) cross-disciplinary nature of proposal (10%); and 6) budget justification (15%).

Completed by the supervisor

Please confirm support for the project through a separate email to cue@utoronto.ca. Also, provide details (~100 words) on how this project produces work that could not be achieved through your existing research funding.

Deadline: February 25, 2026. Results will be conveyed to applicants by mid-March, 2026.

Please submit all proposals to cue@utoronto.ca.

Conditions of funding:

1. Any publications that stem from the CUE Research Award must acknowledge funding in the publication, report or presentation, and list the "Centre for Urban Environments, University of Toronto Mississauga" as an affiliation.

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2. A short report (ca. 300 words) must be submitted within one year of receiving funding, describing progress on the project. All applicants and their supervisors must be members of CUE, which can be requested by emailing cue@utoronto.ca.
3. Supported students are required to prepare a short public-facing research communication suitable for dissemination on LinkedIn and other comparable professional social media platforms in consultation with CUE staff within six months of receiving funding.

Eligible expenses: Funds can be used for most direct research costs. Travel for field work, consumable supplies, minor pieces of equipment and undergraduate research assistant wages are examples of eligible costs. Ineligible expenses include funds for attending conferences, workshops and graduate student stipends. Funds should not be used for the purchase of large pieces of equipment or publication charges.