

TEACHER TEACHING ON CALL

Professional Development Funding Application Form

Surrey Teachers' Association

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Funds can be used for events taking place between July 1, 2023 – September 15, 2024

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Percentage of contract (if applicable)						

Pro-D funds may be considered as taxable benefits according to Revenue Canada if the event/activity they are applied to has more personal than professional benefit. STA Pro-D funds will not be approved for such events.

Pro-D funds will not be approved for District sponsored events unless the STA has been involved in the planning. The STA logo will appear on all advertising indicating funding approval for such events.

TTOC PRO-D FUND Application Guidelines & Procedures

NOTE: A maximum of \$150 per TTOC per school year may be available. PTOCs should use an Individual Pro-D application.

- TTOC's will be treated as "a school unit" and must apply to the STA TTOC Rep for funding approval.
- Guidelines for distribution of TTOC Pro-D funds are developed by the TTOC Advisory Committee and reviewed on a yearly basis.
- To be eligible for STA Pro-D funds, TTOCs must have worked at least 20 days in Surrey in the 3 months (not
 including July or August) prior to the date of the event. A dispatch report confirming the days worked, must be
 submitted along with the application.
- If you are in an indefinite or long-term assignment of more than 50%, you should apply first to your base school
 using an Individual Pro-D application.
- Pro-D funds may not be used to cover the cost of lost wages while attending a Pro-D event.
- STA Convention Day:

Funding for all STA members to attend Convention is provided by the STA. STA members are expected to attend the Convention. STA Pro-D Funds may not be applied to any expenses incurred for alternate Pro-D activities on that day. **NOTE: STA Convention Day is Friday, May 3, 2024.**

Process:

- 1. Fill in the TTOC Pro-D Funding Application Form.
- 2. Please include a copy of the conference brochure or an information sheet showing the agenda and fees.
- Submit the form to the STA TTOC Rep (ttocrep@surreyteachers.org) for approval at least two weeks prior to the event.
- 4. Submit the signed (by the STA TTOC Rep) form to the STA office (courier #000). When the STA has approved the form, you will be notified by email.
- 5. You should ensure your application is approved by the STA prior to attending the conference/workshop.
- 6. You must submit all original receipts, along with the APPROVED application form to the STA office within 30 calendar days of attending the conference.

ALL FORMS AND RECEIPTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE STA OFFICE BY September 15, 2024.

Receipts are not required for meals and mileage.

TTOC Pro-D funds may be applied toward the cost of:

- 1. Individual fees for conferences, conventions, workshops, seminars.
- 2. Non-credit courses related to teaching.
- 3. Online events that DO NOT include subscriptions to teaching resources.
- 4. LSA/PSA dues.
- 5. Subscriptions to professional journals/resources (NOT classroom/teaching materials).
- 6. Transportation:
- 7. Public transportation—train, bus, ferry, or plane fares (economy class wherever possible) at cost, with receipts.
 - a) Private automobile—subject to the following guidelines governing the use of private automobiles, members may claim reimbursement for use of their private automobiles at a mileage rate of \$.68/km. Reimbursement for mileage to Pro-D workshops will be calculated from place of work or home, whichever is the shortest distance.
 - b) Members traveling to Pro-D events are expected to pool the use of cars whenever possible. If carpooling, members who drive may claim an additional 10 cents per kilometer for each additional passenger. Passengers must be STA members who will be claiming Pro-D expenses (other than mileage) for the same workshop.

TTOC Pro-D funds may be applied toward the cost of (continued):

- c) When traveling outside of the Lower Mainland members should use the fastest and most economical mode of transportation.
- d) Members traveling to Pro-D events outside of the Lower Mainland by private automobile must charge expenses on the basis of public transportation costs except when two or more persons are traveling in one car, in which case ONLY the driver may claim reimbursement at the approved mileage rate (see above).
- e) Members traveling by automobile instead of public transportation may claim only for the accommodation, meals, and other expenses that would have been claimable if public transportation had actually been used.
- 7. Parking charges: at cost, with receipts.
- 8. Accommodation may be covered if necessary to attend the event. Accommodation based on double room occupancy (whenever feasible).
 - a) Members should not claim accommodation expenses for events that occur within the Lower Mainland. The Lower Mainland boundary is generally defined by Agassiz and Chilliwack to the East, the Canada/USA border to the South, and Lions Bay to the North.
- 9. Meals up to a maximum of \$20.00 for breakfast, \$25.00 for lunch and \$40.00 for dinner (if not included in conference registration). You should ensure that your expenses (e.g., meals, accommodation) are based upon an appropriate time frame (e.g., if the event that you attend ends at 4:00 p.m. and it is reasonable to expect you could return home that afternoon, then claiming accommodation or meal expenses for that evening would be questioned).
- 10.Legitimate expenses, excluding wages, for part-time members to attend Pro-D workshops on their non-instructional days (e.g., childcare).

The purpose of professional development, as laid out in the collective agreement guides the approval of Pro-D Funding applications: F.22.1 The Board and the Surrey Teachers' Association recognize the value of professional development activities to enhance curricular knowledge, to heighten instructional skills, and to broaden exposure to pedagogical theories, methods, and strategies.