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Future Skills Centre: Call for proposals

The [launch of the Future Skills Council and the Future Skills Centre](#) took place back in February of this year. Future Skills will help Canadians prepare for, get and keep jobs as technology and business innovations continue to transform the labour market. The Centre works with successful project proponents to support efforts to generate forward-looking, responsive, and evidence-informed solutions to better meet the needs of Canadians facing a rapidly changing labour market.

The Centre is inviting applications from stakeholders across the country with projects that develop, test, and evaluate innovative approaches to skills development. The objective of this Call for Proposals is to identify, test and evaluate innovative projects that have the potential to generate actionable evidence about how to better equip Canadians with the skills required to navigate a fast-changing labour market.

The Future Skills Centre is seeking proposals that address one of these three questions:

1. How can we best support Canadians facing labour market disruption to transition to new jobs or industries?
2. How can employers be more effectively engaged in developing and delivering demand-driven solutions to skills gap challenges?
3. How can skills development systems be optimized, building up the capacity of service providers and encouraging collaboration between organizations?

Application Process

The application process will take place in three steps:

1. **Letters of Interest must be submitted on the [application portal](#) by 5pm EDT on September 16, 2019.** Decisions will be communicated by the end of October.
2. Shortlisted applicants will then be invited to submit a full application by 5pm EDT on December 16, 2019.
3. Interviews with shortlisted projects will take place in February 2020. Final decisions will be communicated by the end of February.
4. Successful projects will be announced in March 2020.

[August 2019 Call for Proposals Guidelines and Application Instructions](#)[Application Portal](#)

[Available Resource – Logic Model Template](#)

If you have questions about the call for proposals process, please email projects@fsc-ccf.ca.

As a reminder, ITAC has partnered with Ryerson University, Ryerson's Diversity Institute and Magnet. Together, these organizations will help to develop innovative approaches to Canada's future skill requirements. By working together –

along with the diverse range of stakeholders participating in the Future Skills Centre and the Future Skills Council can play a role in driving Canada's economic and social development and find real solutions to the challenges that need to be addressed.