

New Professional Development Initiatives

As reported to members last year, the 2009-2012 Collective Agreement provides more monies for Professional Development, both group and individual P.D.

Individual P.D.

As an individual teacher, you might be interested in improving your expertise in various areas of the Ontario Curriculum and in areas of teaching methodology. You may now apply for financial support from the OTBU for these kinds of Professional Development.

Please note that Ministry Additional Qualifications (A.Q.s) are not eligible for OTBU professional development grants.

Application Process (Individual)

Individual Applicants are asked to write a formal letter of application addressed to the OTBU office which must show that the P.D. activity for which you are applying:

- enhances knowledge of the current Ontario Curriculum, and/or
- enhances knowledge or expertise in a subject area which is of relevance to your current teaching profile and/or
- enhances knowledge or expertise in an area of work that would be of benefit to the local Bargaining Unit, for example Health and Safety.

Please include with your letter of application :

- a brochure or information showing what would be covered in the programme
- an estimate of funds you are asking for up to a limit of \$500.00
- a copy to confirm your registration and attendance in the workshop or the course.

Get your package in as early as possible ...

The P.D. Selection Committee will assess your application and may offer to pay for all or part of the proposed P.D. activity. The P.D. activity should occur in the G.T.A. This will help reduce the cost of travel and accommodations, although the available funds will be applied first to the cost of the P.D. activity rather than travel and accommodation costs.

Successful applicants will be informed by letter or by phone, and will be required to submit receipts and cost vouchers to substantiate (proof of attendance) your participation in the proposed P.D. activity.

Please mail letters of application to:

OTBU, District 12 P.D.
95 Thorncliffe Park Drive
Unit 1708
Toronto, M4H 1L7

3) HOW WILL IT ENHANCE YOUR KNOWLEDGE OR EXPERTISE IN A SUBJECT AREA WHICH IS OF RELEVANCE TO YOUR CURRENT TEACHING PROFILE?

4) HOW WILL IT ENHANCE KNOWLEDGE OR EXPERTISE IN AN AREA OF WORK THAT WOULD BE OF BENEFIT TO OUR BARGAINING UNIT? (E.G. HEALTH AND SAFETY)

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- AN ESTIMATE OF FUNDS YOU ARE ASKING FOR (UP TO A \$500 LIMIT)
- A COPY OF THE REGISTRATION IN THE WORKSHOPS OR THE COURSE

PLEASE MAIL YOUR COMPLETE PACKAGE TO:

**OTBU D12
95 THORNCLIFFE PARK DR, # 1708
TORONTO, ON M4H 1L7**

<p>THE OTBU D12 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE WILL CONTACT YOU WHEN YOUR APPLICATION HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND A DECISION HAS BEEN MADE. THANK YOU.</p>
