

# Global Skills Opportunity at a glance

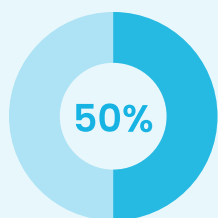


Global Skills Opportunity is the Government of Canada's national outbound student mobility pilot program. It aims to empower post-secondary institutions to increase the participation of Canadians in international learning opportunities — especially students with disabilities, Indigenous students and those from low socio-economic backgrounds who have traditionally faced barriers to participation.

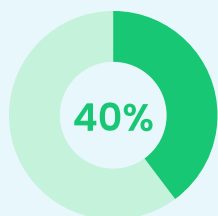
Global Skills Opportunity is an integral component of the Government of Canada's International Education Strategy. It is administered jointly by Universities Canada and Colleges and Institutes Canada. Projects are designed, implemented and managed by participating universities, colleges and institutes across the country. This decentralized approach allows post-secondary institutions to create projects that best serve the needs of their students and their communities.

## GSO in Numbers

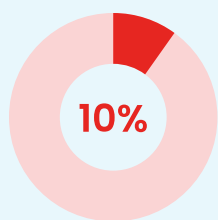
**C\$95 MILLION OF FUNDING FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA THROUGH EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT CANADA.**



50% earmarked for supporting underrepresented students' access to outbound mobility opportunities.



40% towards diversification of destination countries where students choose to work/study abroad.



10% to test innovative approaches to reduce barriers to study/work abroad.

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## Outbound Mobility Projects



**102**

**PARTICIPATING POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS**  
(56 universities, 49 colleges), including seven consortia.



**124**

**FUNDED MOBILITY PROJECTS**  
65 at universities, 59 at colleges.

**74%**

**FROM UNDERREPRESENTED STUDENT GROUPS**

specifically Indigenous students, students with disabilities and those from low socio-economic backgrounds.



**MORE THAN 16,000**

**POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS PROJECTED**

to gain global skills through both virtual and physical mobility opportunities.



Find the full list of projects at [globalskillsoportunity.ca/funded-opportunities/student-mobility](https://globalskillsoportunity.ca/funded-opportunities/student-mobility)

Through GSO, Canadian students are gaining skills — and building networks — in more than 100 non-traditional countries, including these top destinations:

1. Costa Rica
2. Italy
3. Spain
4. Japan
5. Mexico

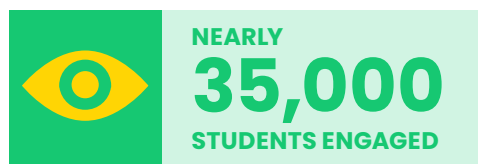


# Your next chapter is abroad



## Innovation Fund Projects

In face of physical mobility restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Innovation Fund call for proposals focused on supporting institutions in testing novel and innovative approaches to outbound student mobility and international partnerships. This call led to the development of enhanced communication tools and platforms, collaborative online integrated learning (COIL) as well as inclusive recruiting materials.



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## General themes of Innovation Fund projects



MARKETING & RECRUITMENT



RESEARCH & REDUCING BARRIERS



WRAPAROUND SUPPORTS



PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT



VIRTUAL MOBILITY



RISK MANAGEMENT

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