

Network for Impact Program: This program is designed to support our members in participating in impactful and unconventional networking events (e.g., Space Canada Events, industry forums) that will increase their interdisciplinary research base and allow for new meaningful connections and research partnerships to further innovation and industry prominence. Up to \$2,000 per networking event can be applied for. \$10,000 is available annually. Conference travel to present research is not eligible for this funding opportunity.

Who can apply: Any Institute faculty member in good standing.

The Director and Associate Directors are not eligible.

How to apply: Submit a 1-page proposal to the Director (westernspace@uwo.ca) including:

- 1) Proposed networking event, including location and date
- 2) Description of how participation in the networking event will establish or strengthen meaningful connections and research partnerships
- 3) A brief budget justification
- 4) The projected impacts to accelerating the strategic research priorities of the Institute.

Process and criteria for funding: Funding decisions will be made within 4-6 weeks by the Director in consultation with members of the Executive Team and Research Advisory Committee as relevant. Priority will be given to proposals that demonstrate a strong likelihood of forming new or strengthening old research partnerships / collaborations. Priority will be given to proposals that seek to foster interdisciplinary relationships that are aligned with the Institute's research priorities. Priority will be given to pre-tenure faculty and faculty who have not been supported by the Institute in the previous 3 years.

When to apply: Rolling deadline. The closing date for each fiscal year is February 28.

How funding is administered: Dependent on the project and the needs of the researcher, funding can be forwarded in full, partial, or based on reimbursement. An agreement on the payment method will be reached prior to the project's start.

Conditions of funding: The researcher will acknowledge Institute funding in any communications, publications, or research outputs that arise from this funding. The researcher also agrees to be showcased in Institute communications and on the Institute website. The researcher agrees to brief the Executive Committee (westernspace@uwo.ca) on the outcomes and opportunities for follow-up within 2 weeks of returning.

Network for Impact Program Rubric

Applicant:	
Link to proposal:	
Networking event:	
Date of the event:	
Date:	
Title:	
Proposed Budget:	

Category	1 (poor)	2 (average)	3 (good)	4 (excellent)
Potential Impacts to Institute Research Priorities This criterion evaluates whether the proposed network connections addresses any of the Institutes strategic research priorities.	The relevance to the strategic research priorities is not apparent.	There is some attempt to link to strategic research priorities.	The relevance to the strategic research priorities is clear and coherently expressed.	The project description is highly relevant to the strategic research priorities.
Likelihood of Establishing new or Strengthening old relationships This criterion assesses the likelihood that participation in the proposed networking event would lead to the establishment of new relationships, or the meaningful strengthening of existing ones.	Participation in the proposed event is unlikely to establish or strengthen partnerships.	Participation in the proposed event will only strengthen an existing partnership OR establish new relationships.	Participation in the proposed event is likely to both establish new partnerships and strengthen old ones.	Participation in the proposed event is likely to establish new partnerships and strengthen old ones.
Future Growth This criterion assesses the likelihood that establishment of a partnership through this event could lead to future collaborations.	There is no likelihood that participation in this event will lead to future collaborations.	There is a possibility that connections made at this networking event could lead to future collaborative research opportunities.	Potential partnerships formed through this networking event are likely to lead to future collaborative research opportunities.	Potential partnerships formed through this networking event are likely to lead to future collaborative research opportunities. Possibilities of singular opportunities and sustained relationships are both considered likely.