

Dance Instructor Development Training Initiative Alberta Ukrainian Dance Association (AUDA)

AUDA is pleased to announce it has extended its commitment until **August 31, 2020** to provide 10 community development incentives annually, up to a maximum amount of **\$1,500** each, to our members in Alberta to **support dance instructor development training**.

AUDA will contract with members to determine how the **Dance Instructor Development Initiative** fits best for their community of interest.

Application Process and Instructor Development Categories

There is no “fill in the blanks” application. Ukrainian dance schools, dance schools, entities that advance Ukrainian dance and volunteer skills, and groups that are AUDA members will write their own case for financial support in the following categories:

- **Advanced Career Instructor** (Five or more years of experience as a lead instructor in Ukrainian dance.)

The written case will include:

- A one-page proposal explaining the benefit of your dance school receiving up to \$1,500 to assist your dance instructor to further develop knowledge for the advancement of Ukrainian dance in the applicant member’s community of interest.
- A maximum two-page proposal (narrative and budget), written and signed by the Advanced Career Instructor, detailing how the Development Initiative choice of Workshop/Professional Mentor/Choreographer enhances the Instructor’s current training, knowledge, and skill set. (For example, your dance school may wish to create an original Ukrainian Canadian heritage themed dance). Your Advanced Career Instructor applies to increase their skill set by enrolling in a summer dance workshop focusing on creating original story-based dance.
- Successful Advanced Career Instructors applicants are not eligible to receive funding twice in the same calendar year.

- **Instructor** (Up to five years of experience as a teacher of Ukrainian dance.)

The written case will include:

- The Instructor’s resume and a maximum two-page proposal (narrative and budget) explaining the benefit of your dance school receiving up to \$1,500 to assist your dance instructor to further develop knowledge for the advancement of Ukrainian dance for the benefit of applicant member’s community of interest. (For example, your dance school Instructor enrolls in a structured workshop or series of workshops that increase their skill set in music development or Ukrainian regional dances to share with your students.)

- **Instructor Mentored by an Advanced Career Instructor**

The objective of this learning relationship is to use this practicum experience to enhance your Instructor’s studio classroom teaching skills.

The written case will include:

- A maximum two-page proposal (narrative and budget) explaining the benefit of your dance school receiving up to \$300 for an Advanced Career Instructor from a dance school other than

yours, and up to \$250 for your dance Instructor to create a mentor observation/practice teaching learning scenario for a minimum of three classes.

(For example, an entry level Instructor wants to improve their direct teaching skills and sets up an observation/practice teaching scenario that involves an in-studio experience with an Advanced Career Instructor other than one they are familiar with at their own school. In another example, an Advanced Career Instructor believes that an entry level Instructor would benefit from the experience of observing another Advanced Career Instructor peer and helps set up the opportunity for the entry level Instructor to improve their classroom skills. Initiative funding would be used to pay the Advanced Career Instructor for preparation time and mentorship. The entry level Instructor could use the funds for costs of travel, lodging, and learning time invested.)

Application Assessment

The written case for support applications will be juried by a member of the AUDA board and external jurors. Priority will be given for training accessed in Canada and to formal training experiences. All successful member applicants will supervise, assess, and report to AUDA on their chosen instructor's development and bringing of knowledge back to the applicant member's community of interest. Chosen instructors are accountable to their school or group. For clarity, more than one organization can apply for training for the same instructor but not for the same project.

Deadline for receipt of case for support applications is **February 15 and October 15** annually.

All instructor development training must be completed per the approved application within 12 months of approval of AUDA support. Community development incentive support will be paid directly to successful member Ukrainian dance schools, dance schools, or groups. To be eligible, chosen instructors must be AUDA Professional Members. This support is not transferrable to alternate instructors. If a successful application cannot be completed as approved, the applicant must make a new application at the next deadline.

