**Instructor Development Initiative**

The Alberta Ukrainian Dance Associations strives to provide ways for dance instructors to continue their growth throughout their careers. The Instructor Development Initiative provides a way for any instructor to advance their knowledge, abilities and more. The Instructor Development Initiative provides up to a maximum amount of $1,500 to each instructor or dance school pursing the growth of their dance instructors.

**Application Assessment**

All 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 the application of the new knowledge at their dance school. 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.

All instructor development must be completed per the application within 12 months of approval of AUDA support. Instructor Development Initiative support will be paid directly to successful member dance schools. 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.

**Application Process and Instructor Development Categories**

* All applicants must be AUDA Membership “**Professional Members**” within the applying year.
* All applications must clearly state which category they are applying for.
* Must be submitted by April 1, 2021 to programs@abuda.ca.

**Advanced Career Instructor**

Must have five or more years of experience as a lead instructor in Ukrainian dance.

Please note that successful Advanced Career Instructors applicants are not eligible to receive funding twice in the same calendar year.

* Must submit:
	+ A one-page proposal explaining the benefit of your dance school receiving up to $1,500 to assist in furthering develop knowledge 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.

**Instructor**

Up to five years of experience as a teacher of Ukrainian dance.

* Must submit:
	+ 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 in furthering develop knowledge of Ukrainian dance in the applicant member’s community of interest.

**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.

* Must submit:
	+ 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.