

## Rural Dance Apprentice Instructor Development Training Initiative

Ending Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025 with a review for continuance

AUDA has identified the need to support the succession of experienced Ukrainian dance instructors in rural Alberta. The knowledge held by these experienced Ukrainian dance instructors must be passed on to the next wave of dance instructors as this new wave moves to become future leaders of Ukrainian dance development in rural Alberta.

In 2023, AUDA is pleased to be in the position to offer funding in support of rural dance apprentice instructor development training by providing incentives to our rural Alberta members' community development initiatives annually and up to a maximum of total budget amount of \$5,000 until the funds are exhausted.

### ELIGIBILITY

To support the **Rural Dance Apprentice Instructor Development Initiative**, AUDA will partner with member clubs and schools that operate in demographic areas in Alberta outside of the major urban centers of Calgary and Edmonton, including their adjoining communities – those within approximately 25 kilometers.

All parties mentioned in the application need to be AUDA members to qualify. The duration of the instructor apprenticeship cannot exceed nine months.

### APPLICATION CRITERIA

There is no “fill in the blanks” application. Ukrainian dance schools, their Primary Instructor (mentor), and the Apprentice Instructor (mentee)—that are all AUDA members—will write their joint case for financial support. This case for support, including an implementation schedule and a budget, must be submitted by the dance school and should not exceed four pages excluding attachments such as resumes.

The application budget for the apprentice and instructor wages line items must include:

1. AUDA support of \$15/hr. to be paid to the Apprentice Instructor plus \$5/hr. to be paid to the Primary Instructor. This will amount to a total of \$20 support per hour paid by AUDA.

2. Dance School Applicant will provide minimum support of \$5/hr. for the same number of hours to the Apprentice Instructor as part of the school's commitment to instructor development. This means that combined with AUDA's \$15/hr. the Apprentice Instructor will receive a minimum of \$20/hr.
3. At the end of an instructional year and upon receipt of a request for reimbursement, AUDA will pay the dance school applicant AUDA's portion of pre-approved Apprentice Instructor and Primary Instructor fees.

#### SUBMISSION DATE

**September 30 with the possibility of extension if clubs fall behind with their hiring processes.**

#### EVALUATION CRITERIA

1. The written case for support of applications will be juried by two members of the AUDA board and one external juror.
2. All successful member applicants will have to complete a reimbursement request before the funds can be disbursed and a narrative final report to AUDA at the end of the year.
3. If a successful apprenticeship cannot be completed as approved, the applicant must make a new application at the next deadline.