

Instructor Development Initiative

2025

The Alberta Ukrainian Dance Association strives to encourage and provide support to dance instructors who are committed to furthering their growth throughout their careers.

The Instructor Development Initiative grant provides a way for any instructor to participate in skill building sessions to advance their knowledge, diversify the technique, experience sense of community, acquire an opportunity of creative influence in their communities of practice, and more. In addition to dance workshops, participation in dance conferences and seminars is also eligible for support.

For this application intake, a total of five (5) awards of up to \$300 each will be granted until funds are exhausted.

ELIGIBILITY

- ❖ Applicants will have at least two years of dance teaching experience or be actively seeking to obtain such experience through apprenticeship programs.
- ❖ Practitioners of all dance styles are encouraged to apply; however, priority will be given to those applicants who have chosen to specialise in Ukrainian traditional dance.
- ❖ All applicants must have AUDA membership in a “Professional Member” category within the applying year. Please visit our website www.abuda.ca or write to info@abuda.ca to learn about additional benefits of professional membership with AUDA.

Please note: applications to workshops directly delivered by AUDA are encouraged.

However, for transparency and accountability reasons, AUDA executive members will be considered ineligible if they apply to AUDA produced workshops.

APPLICATION CRITERIA

- ❖ The application will include:
 - Resume to demonstrate your dance instructor experience
 - A maximum two-page proposal (narrative and budget) explaining the benefit of your instructor development workshop of choice and how it will assist in furthering your knowledge of Ukrainian dance for practical application in the applicant member's community of interest.
- ❖ Applications are to be submitted by email to info@abuda.ca.

EVALUATION PROCESS

- ❖ All applications will be juried by a member of the AUDA board and an external juror. Priority will be given for training accessed in Canada and to formal training experiences.
- ❖ Applicants with the pre-approved status will be asked to submit a proof of registration in or attendance of the workshop they have applied for before the award can be disbursed.
- ❖ Instructor development must be completed as per original application and within 12 months of the pre-approval for AUDA support. 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.