

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

CASE STUDIES OF QUALITY CLIMATE CHANGE COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION

The Monitoring and Evaluating Climate Communication and Education (MECCE) Project (mecce.ca) is a partnership of over 100 leading scholars and agencies, including the IPCC, UNFCCC, and UNESCO. We are working to tackle the challenge of quickly advancing climate change communication and education (CCE) globally. As part of the Project, we are developing better understandings of quality CCE.

Initial research suggests that quality CCE includes some or all of the following aspects:

- Helping learners overcome feelings of grief, anxiety, and denial, which can lead to climate change inaction
- Focusing on enabling meaningful climate action, including through participatory and place-based solutions
- Including regionally and culturally specific approaches and understandings
- Integrating a focus on climate justice, such as the disproportionate impacts of climate change in the Global South, for women, and for racialized and Indigenous communities
- Including participants in one or more regions globally, across one or more life stages, and in one or more sectors (e.g., formal education, non/informal education, public communication, public participation, etc.)

To this end, funding is available for up to 10 Case Studies of CCE Initiatives through this Call for Proposals. This is the second of three Calls for Proposals, with the third round occurring in 2024. Case Studies funded under the first Call are available on the [MECCE Project's website](https://mecce.ca).

The Case Studies will inform better understandings of quality CCE policy and/or practice, with applicability to other settings around the world. The knowledge generated by the Case Studies will be shared with policy makers, practitioners, and researchers, and the general public.

We invite proposals from researchers, practitioners, and stakeholders who are able to conduct high quality Case Studies of quality CCE Initiatives. The Call is open to individuals, organizations, collaborations, and partnerships. You do not need to be an academic or professional researcher to submit a proposal; however, we do recommend applicants establish a relationship with a researcher who can provide support on research ethics applications.

Benefits of Participation and Eligibility

Funding recipients who contribute a Case Study to the MECCE Project will increase their global profile by:

- Receiving up to **\$10,000 CAD** to develop and carry out their Case Study
- Showcasing their innovative work on CCE at an international scale
- Connecting with a global network working to improve CCE
- Presenting their Case Study to a network active in advancing quality CCE
- Sharing their Case Study on the MECCE Project's website, including our Interactive Data Platform and Digital Library
- Participants will also be given the opportunity to contribute to optional additional opportunities such as scholarly publications, blog posts, and cross-case study analyses

Your Case Study will also benefit the CCE initiative you are studying, by helping increase local understandings of your program and through opportunities to connect with CCE researchers and practitioners globally.

Deliverables

Funded Case Studies will be required to:

- Participate in 2-3 calls with the MECCE Project Office to provide progress updates, receive appropriate research support, and connect with other funded Case Studies around the globe
- Submit a Final Report summarizing the Case Study and its key findings and implications
- Submit a Multimedia Package to illustrate the Case Study in action (e.g., photos, videos)
- Publish findings in an academic or professional publication, and present the findings to target audiences
- In addition, you will be invited to participate in an interview or other data collection to contribute to some cross-case study research that draws on the learning across all the Case Study sites

What is a Case Study?

This funding is not to fund CCE initiative development or implementation. This funding is for Case Study research on an already established quality CCE initiative. It is a chance to study and better understand an initiative and its impacts, and to share this learning with others globally. We want to know what your studied CCE initiative can teach people about what quality CCE can look like more broadly. This requires clearly defined research questions, research methods, and approaches. We anticipate your Case Study will use primarily qualitative research methods. As an example, this funding could be used to bring youth participants together for focus groups to help learn more about the impact of a CCE initiative; however, this funding could not be used to fund staff to deliver the CCE initiative.

Application Process and Timelines

The application form can be accessed [through the application portal](#). Proposals must be submitted through the application portal by February 19, 2023 at 11:59pm EST. We welcome applicants to direct inquiries to [mecce.info\(at\)usask.ca](mailto:mecce.info@usask.ca).