Assessment Criteria - Callysto Call for Proposals 2022 - 2024

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Callysto, as part of the federally-funded CanCode program, aims to provide K-12 students (including traditionally underrepresented groups) and teachers from across Canada with novel digital skills learning experiences. We follow the criteria set out by CanCode.

The proposals must clearly demonstrate that:

- the proposed initiative meets the objectives of the program in terms of target participants (students from Grades 5-12, including traditionally underrepresented groups and/or pre-service, elementary, and/or secondary teachers), and training content (e.g. computational thinking, coding concepts, programming robotics, and data science — data literacy, analysis and visualizations, digital content development, etc);
- the initiative will be delivered at no cost to participants (i.e. no user fee);
- the resources created are under an open source license. For reference, Callysto’s instructional resources and software are developed under a Creative Commons Attribution and MIT license, respectively;
- on top of the program funding, the organizations have sufficient resource capacity and expertise — either internally or through partnerships — to successfully deliver the proposed initiative, and;
- the organization can deliver the proposed initiative within the program timeframe.

Asset criteria for assessment

While not essential, proposals will also be assessed on the degree to which they include one or more of the following elements:
• content that maps to provincial/territorial educational curricula (e.g. lessons for teachers on how to integrate digital skills into the classroom, including coding; and topics/content that support current curricula or the development of future curricula);

• development of tools and resources that will be made available to students and teachers following training, and that can reinforce or continue learning, and/or reach a broader audience;

• partnerships with other organizations, such as school boards, teacher associations, community organizations, and other organizations delivering digital skills and coding;

• private sector funding or partnerships that can leverage federal contributions to deliver programming to a wider audience or to enhance or expand initiatives and content;

• a demonstrated ability to reach traditionally underrepresented groups, including girls, Indigenous youth, and/or youth with disabilities;

• a demonstrated ability to deliver services within First Nations communities, and/or;

• a demonstrated ability to reach rural and remote locations in Canada, including in the North.

Have questions? Email us at proposals@callysto.ca

Applicants are welcome to send questions to the Callysto team in advance of the deadline.