



CPA Ontario Funding Program for Accredited Post-Secondary Institutions

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INTRODUCTION

In 2027, in tandem with the launch of the new CPA Professional Program, CPA Ontario will introduce a new Funding Program for post-secondary institutions (PSIs) accredited by CPA Ontario.

This new program is designed to:

- Provide flexibility so that PSIs can invest more freely in innovation and technology
- Improve student outcomes by supporting the delivery of high-quality CPA education
- Increase the pipeline of CPAs by rewarding program growth and faculty development
- Build a brand identity for Ontario's Accredited PSIs around innovation and excellence

The program will introduce a new tiered structure where allocated funding is based on the number of students graduating from Accredited graduate programs, along with how this number is trending over time. This funding, paid at the discretion of CPA Ontario and reviewed on an annual basis, will be provided to PSIs who are accredited to deliver graduate programs in the new CPA Professional Program and maintain accreditation at each annual review cycle.

Funding may be applied to a broad range of program priorities, including faculty development, student focused initiatives, research and thought leadership, technology investments, and program growth and quality enhancement. This flexibility enables PSIs to direct funding where it will have the greatest impact on learning outcomes, the student experience, and overall program readiness.

FUNDING ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for funding, a PSI must:

- Be accredited by CPA Ontario to deliver a graduate program in the CPA Professional Program
- Maintain accreditation in good standing, with no warnings or revocations
- Submit a funding plan for approval outlining proposed initiatives and budget

FUNDING TIERS FOR 2027

The program supports Accredited PSIs through funding scaled across six tiers, based on the number of Accredited program graduates. The 2027 funding allocations range from \$10,000 to \$125,000 per PSI.

The tiers and tier allocations are determined at CPA Ontario’s discretion and may be adjusted annually.

Tier	Program Size	Maximum Allocation Per PSI in 2027
1	>150	\$125,000
2	100-150	\$100,000
3	75-99	\$75,000
4	50-74	\$50,000
5	25-49	\$25,000
6	<25	\$10,000

HOW TO OBTAIN FUNDING

PSIs must submit an annual funding proposal. The submission must include:

- A description of proposed initiatives, and their expected impact, including their alignment with driving innovation, advancing the profession, and growing the CPA student pipeline
- Expected outputs for the year; and a timeline across the initiative period
- Key milestones and KPIs to measure success
- A detailed budget

Proposals and supporting documents should be submitted to psirelations@cpaontario.ca.

OVERSIGHT AND ONGOING REPORTING

PSIs that receive funding from CPA Ontario must submit an annual report for the academic year. The report should describe how funds were used against the approved budget, report on key KPIs, outline progress on planned initiatives, and demonstrate how the funding has advanced the program’s priorities and delivered measurable impact.

GETTING PREPARED

PSIs should begin:

- Identifying strategic priorities for funding
- Having conversations with faculty, students, program administrators, and institutional leaders to identify opportunities
- Developing proposed initiatives and budgets
- Organizing internal structures to support reporting and accountability

FUNDING CYCLE AND TIMELINE

The funding cycle will run from April 1 of each year to the following March 31. Funding will be distributed after approval of the funding proposal and budget by March 31 of the cycle.

Date	Action
March 12, 2026	Release of CPA Ontario’s PSI Funding Program
March 26, 2026	Communicate funding tier eligibility based on number of program graduates
July 31, 2026	Deadline for proposals
August 1 - September 30, 2026	Proposal review by funding committee
October 5, 2026	Final decisions communicated
January 4, 2027	Funding released (subject to signing contract)