



# 2023 – 2024 SPRE Accelerator Program Application

## **About the Accelerator Program**

The Accelerator Program is a free, 6-month public program designed for groups developing social purpose real estate projects in search of support through the pre-development phase of a project. This program is recommended for organizations ready to commit to the development of a specific project over the course of the program. Organizations must have either a confirmed concept or site that can be workshopped through this program.

**Applications will be accepted until October 19, 2023.**

All applicants will receive confirmation regarding the status of their application by **early November 2023**. The program will take place from **November 22, 2023 - May 15, 2024**.

More details are available on the Infrastructure Institute's website.

**Please apply through the [google form linked here](#) and use the questions below for reference to prepare your responses.**

# Application Questions

## Contact Info

Please provide contact information for the primary contact for this application.

1. Organization Name
2. Primary contact name
3. Organization's website
4. Type of organization:
  - a. Registered nonprofit
  - b. Registered charity
  - c. Other
5. Organization's mission
6. City
7. Province

## Project site

Having access to a site is not a requirement for this program, however, please indicate what your current access is to give our team a better sense of your project's needs.

8. Project site: Does your organization have a confirmed project site?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. Other
9. If yes, what is your relationship with this site?
  - a. Existing ownership
  - b. Long-term lease
  - c. Currently in the process of purchasing
  - d. Other

## Project Details

Please provide more information about your organization's project and any previous experience with similar developments.

10. Experience: Does your organization have experience developing Social Purpose Real Estate projects? If yes, please describe your experience. You can also include links to project pages or articles.
11. Concept: Please describe the project concept and objectives that your organization would like to develop through the Accelerator program.
12. **Project Site:** Does your organization have a confirmed project site? If so, what is the address? If not, please describe your ideal location and any work that you have already started to secure a site.

13. **Community Connection:** Is this project a response to existing growth or demand? Have you completed a needs assessment for this project or consulted with the communities involved?
14. **Collaborators:** If applicable, please list any collaborators for this project:
15. **Funding:** Has your organization secured any funding or resources for this project?

## Program goals & commitment

The Accelerator program is free for all participants accepted into the program, however, a commitment to engage in the full program is required. Please tell us more about what your organization is hoping to accomplish through the program, and who will be participating from your team.

16. **Program objectives:** What is your organization hoping to accomplish through the Accelerator Program?
17. **Mentorship:** All Accelerator program participants will be matched with a mentor for the duration of the program. What skillsets and experience would be helpful for your organization to gain access to through a mentor at this time? (*i.e. development processes, funding & financing, partnership development, governance, etc...*)
18. **Program commitment:** The next cohort of the Accelerator program will take place from November 2023 - May 2024. This program will include mandatory bi-weekly zoom sessions, and meetings with mentors on a monthly basis. Will your team be in a position to commit to the entirety of this program?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. Other
19. **Accelerator Team:** The Accelerator program will require a commitment of approximately 3 hours a week, for 6 months. Who on your team will have the capacity to commit to the full Accelerator program? Please list names and positions within the organization. *Teams of 1-3 participants are welcome to participate in this program.*

## Attachments

Please submit the following attachments if available at this time. **The Letter of Commitment is the only mandatory attachment.** We understand that not all of the additional attachments may be available to every organization at this time, but please provide what you are able to as this tells us more about the phase of development that your project is in.

You are also welcome to email these attachments to [infrastructure@utoronto.ca](mailto:infrastructure@utoronto.ca).

- **Letter of commitment:** To be written by the organization's leadership or board of directors. This letter will commit a staff member to participate in the Accelerator program.
- **If available, any of the following to confirm the status of the site:** plans, drawings, leases, meeting notes, MOUs, Agreements.
- If you are unable to submit any of these attachments at this time, please let us know if any might be available in the coming months.