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TRANSECTS

Application Form

Transdisciplinary Evaluation Learning Lab

Online Foundational Course (May 10-28, 2027)

Onsite Learning Lab (Mai 31 - June 12, 2027)

Application Documents Checklist

Please submit the following documents to transects@usask.ca in the specified order in the form of a single PDF document of maximum 5 MB. Only a complete set of application documents submitted by the deadline will be considered in the selection process.

To be eligible for participation in the TELL, all elements of the application package listed below (sections 1-9) must be submitted by **November 15, 2026**.

Application package contents:

- ☐ Application information (sections 1)
- ☐ Enrollment certificate attachment
- ☐ Applicant's studies (section 2)
- ☐ Academic performance (section 3)
- ☐ Attachment of transcript of records
- ☐ Evidence of innovation/voluntary activities/academic experience (section 4)
- ☐ TELL logistics, access, and equity, including "Confirmation of Swimming Proficiency and
- ☐ Safety Briefing for Paddling Excursions" document (section 5)
- ☐ Motivation letter (section 6)
- ☐ Motivation letter attachment
- ☐ Declaration and privacy statement (section 7)

☐ I have compiled all documents into a single PDF, with the file name in the following format:

first name_last name_TELL2027_applicationpackage

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In order to qualify for the TELL, you must provide the following information:

1. Applicant Information

Surname:

First name:

Date of birth:

Place of birth:

Nationality/Nationalities:

Gender:

☐ Man ☐ Woman ☐ Prefer not to answer

☐ Gender fluid, non-binary, and/or Two-Spirit

Phone number:

Email:

Address (street address, city, country, postal/ZIP code):

☐ Yes ☐ No

I understand that the onsite portion of the TELL is a full-time program taking place from Mai 31 to June 12, 2027. Participation in activities outside of working hours is required during the multi-day field work phases.

2. Applicant's Studies

I am currently enrolled at the following university:

Program title:

Department:

My current program level is:

University name:

☐ I will be registered as a student or postdoctoral fellow at the university above between May-July of 2027.

I can confirm my full participation in:

☐ The **online** components held in May of 2027 (May 10-28, 2027).

☐ The **onsite** components held in June of 2027 (Mai 31 - June 12, 2027).

☐ The **onsite** presentation (examination) day (beginning of July)

Name of the supervisor/head of study program:

Work email of the supervisor/head of study program:

Matriculation number/student ID number:

Program start date and current year:

I have submitted a current proof of enrolment with my application (Please attach that document!)

Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, please specify the reasoning:

3. Academic Performance

I have submitted a copy of my transcript of records/academic transcript from the last two years *(students who have not been in their current program for two years must submit their previous degree certificate as well).*

I hereby consent to the Eberswalde University for Sustainable Development and other *TRANSECTS* partners retrieving my current transcript of records/academic transcript directly from the university I am enrolled at **only if I face difficulties retrieving it**. I will let transects@usask.ca know no later than the deadline indicated above for my application to be considered.

Date:_____ Signature:_____

4. Evidence of Innovation/Voluntary Activities/Academic Experience

Have you committed to voluntary work/non-study integrated internships in the last 5 years (e.g., within associations, non-governmental organizations, committees) with a duration of at least 3 months? (max. 150 words):

Have you received any prizes or awards (not including scholarships) in the past 5 years? (max. 150 words):

Have you published scientific literature, given conference presentations, or produced other forms of publications (such as articles, blogs, or media features) in the last 5 years? Please describe and provide a link if possible (max. 150 words):

5. TELL Logistics, Access, and Equity

TRANSECTS is committed to establishing and maintaining a learning environment that fosters equitable opportunities for personal and professional development. To meet this commitment, we would like to know if you have any specific needs.

REQUIRED: The program of the TELL 2027 requires participants to take part in Canoe/Kajak/Paddleboard activities that involve risks, despite safety measures. Before participating in Canoe/Kajak, Paddleboard and other watersport activities during the TELL we require you to provide written confirmation about your swimming abilities, and your agreement to follow safety instruction by the instructors. We acknowledge that that through illness and unforeseen developments your swimming ability may be impacted. Hence, we will ask you to sign a separate confirmation, again near the date of the onsite program. Please confirm that you have familiarized yourself with the "Confirmation of Swimming Proficiency and Safety Briefing for Paddling Excursions"" document (p. 9) and indicate the level of your swimming abilities.

☐ **Yes**, I have familiarized myself with the "Confirmation of Swimming Proficiency and Safety Briefing for Paddling Excursions" document.

My swimming abilities are

☐ 1. Excellent

☐ 2. Intermediate

☐ 3. Beginner

☐ 4. I can not swim

If you have ticked 1. -3. Please explain briefly what qualifies you to the specific level and indicate if you have any type swimming certification

REQUIRED: TELL 2027 may require participants to share a bedroom and bathroom with other participants for a portion of the TELL duration. Please confirm that you are comfortable sharing a bedroom and bathroom.

☐ **Yes**, I am comfortable sharing a bedroom and bathroom for parts of the field work days.

IF APPLICABLE: *TRANSECTS* may need to provide reasonable accommodations or other arrangements for you to participate in TELL 2027. This may require limited disclosure of personal information (with your given permission) in order to facilitate your needs.

Depending on your circumstances, you may require support for daily living, academic activities, and/or your full participation in TELL 2027. Please indicate your circumstances and needs below:

☐ Medical-based disabilities ☐ Family status ☐ Gender identity

☐ Learning disabilities ☐ Religion

Other (not listed):

Describe the specifics of your situation (If additional details are needed, kindly include them as an attachment):

Accommodation or other arrangements requested (If additional details are needed, kindly include them as an attachment):

I certify that the information provided is true and complete in all respects.

Confirmation of Swimming Proficiency and Safety Briefing for Paddling Excursions

I hereby confirm

- that I can swim safely,
- that I am physically fit to participate in the paddling excursion,
- that I have been briefed on the dangers of paddling as well as the safety and conduct rules before the start of the event.

In particular, I was instructed on the following:

1. Risk of Drowning

- Life jackets must be worn at all times while on the water.
- Life jackets must be worn properly and must not be removed without authorization.
- The instructions of the tour guide must be followed at all times.

2. Behavior During Lock Passage

- Under no circumstances may the boat be tied to bollards, ladders, or other lock facilities.
- Passengers must not stand up or deliberately rock the boat during the lock passage.
- Hands and feet must be kept inside the boat.
- Instructions from the lock operator and the tour guide must be followed.

3. Participation at Your Own Risk

- I am aware that, despite safety measures, participation in the paddling excursion involves risks. Participation is at my own risk.
- No liability is assumed for any valuables I bring with me.

☐ **I confirm that I have understood this information and will comply with the safety rules.**

Place, Date: _____

First and Last Name: _____

Signature: _____

6. Motivation Letter

Please submit a motivation letter (written in English, 2 pages maximum) with your application package in a single PDF.

This motivation letter should explain your interest in participating in the TELL, the reasons for this interest, and what you believe makes you a good fit to participate in the TELL. **You may consider the table on the next page (p. 11)** when writing your letter, as it provides the criteria that we will be using to assess your letter and application as a whole.

Attributes	Indicators
Motivation and initiative	• Authentic desire to become sustainability change makers • Purpose of the planned participation for the further course of studies and /or professional future • Demonstration of leading an action
Critical and reflexive thinking	• Ability to identify problems or ask good questions, gather and assess relevant information, and synthesize knowledge • Analytical and logical thinking • Ability to give and receive constructive feedback • Ability to articulate one's standpoint and consider how it affects one's work
Perseverance and adaptability	• Ability to meet deadlines • Ability to navigate changing conditions • Evidence of working with scarce resources • Evidence of working through set-backs or overcome adversity
Teamwork and collaborative skills	• Demonstration of reliability, courtesy, responsibility for work and mistakes • Examples of showing compassion, empathy, and trustworthiness • Evidence of team building including coaching or motivating others and dealing with challenging relationships
Intercultural readiness	• Demonstrated efforts to contribute to a safe working environment • Openness to multiple ways of knowing and doing • Commitment to working with people of other cultures

7. Declaration and Privacy Statement

I hereby declare that I am currently enrolled at the university I referred to in this application. The Eberswalde University for Sustainable Development and *TRANESCTS* partners may process my data exclusively for the purpose of my participation in the selection process for the TELL and transfer this data to the persons involved in the context of the selection process.

I am aware of the fact that I may withdraw my agreement in writing at any time with effect for the future. However, once this agreement has been withdrawn, participation in the TELL is no longer possible.

I understand that all participants will be invited to voluntarily provide feedback on their TELL experience through focus groups, surveys, and interviews to support *TRANSECTS* research and program evaluation.

Only the *TRANSECTS* team will have access to the data, which is stored on their password-protected computers and on the secure OneDrive platform offered by the University of Saskatchewan. Data will be stored for at least 5 years post-participation as required by the USask Responsible Conduct of Research Policy. Data is accessible to the University of Saskatchewan if required. After *TRANSECTS* is complete and the data is no longer required following those 5 years, the data will be destroyed beyond recovery.

I am aware that the provision of incorrect information may result in the cancellation of the funding and the termination of my participation in the TELL. I may be required to repay any funds already received. I authorize those involved in the selection process to contact the university I am currently enrolled in to inquire about my status of enrolment and provide a record of transcripts/academic transcripts if I have not provided such documents myself.

I understand that it is my responsibility to notify *TRANSECTS* without delay when I deregister, suspend my studies, withdraw from my program, fail to commence my studies, or change university/facility.

I hereby confirm the correctness of my information.

I have read the terms above and agree with them.

Date:_____ Signature:_____