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ISU DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Visiting Coach Initiative 2026-27

The ISU Development Program is pleased to announce the opening of applications for the Visiting ISU Coach initiative for 2026-27.

1. General Outline

ISU Members can apply for assistance in the form of a Visiting ISU Coach as follows:

- one-season support with a budget of up to USD 12'500
- two-season support with a budget of up to USD 25'000.

The program is aimed at developing a connection between Visiting ISU Coaches and ISU Members that need assistance to start or improve a skating program, establish a coaching system, develop their Coaches, ensure technical improvement, or other aspects of their Skating programs, for any ISU discipline.

Visiting ISU Coaches are highly educated and experienced individuals (who may be Coaches, Administrators or experts in other areas) offering their expertise and time to provide mentoring, support and assistance. This will be done through a program of online contact/support and during visits to the applicant ISU Member's country, over a period of one or two seasons. The ISU Development Program will cover the honorarium for the Visiting ISU Coach and international travel expenses for the visits. The ISU Member must commit to cover all other costs, including ice time, local transport, transfers and accommodation.

The Visiting ISU Coach will initially meet online with the ISU Member in order to discuss and assess their needs. The Visiting ISU Coach may make visits of between 3 and 10 days to the ISU Member's country, depending on the outcomes of the initial discussions, with structured follow-up and online support between visits. The exact schedule for each project will be determined on a case-by-case basis. The activities must take place within the season, or two seasons, following approval of the application.

Reports must be provided by both the ISU Member and by the Visiting ISU Coach after each visit has taken place and at the end of the project.

2. Application procedure

ISU Members are invited to apply for this initiative on [the Good Grants platform](#).

The application should clearly and fully address in a detailed way why help is needed, what kind of assistance is required, and how the assistance will fit into the ISU Member's overall strategy. Measures of success and accountability must be outlined. Applications that are insufficiently detailed will not be considered.

ISU Members with an ongoing second season of Visiting Coach Initiative taking place in season 2026/27 should not apply for another Visiting Coach Initiative support in the same discipline.

3. Deadline

The deadline for applications to be submitted **is May 24, 2026** for Visiting ISU Coach support for one season projects in Season 2026/27 and two-season projects in seasons 2026/27 and 2027/28.

4. Review of Applications

Due to the available budget and time of Visiting ISU Coaches, a maximum of six two-season projects and six one-season projects will be accepted for the current round of applications.

After the submission deadline, all applications received will be considered on the basis of need, potential for effectiveness and spread between the targeted disciplines.

ISU Members will be informed of whether their application has been successful within two months of the application deadline through Good Grants. ISU Members are required to ensure that they have accepted to receive system notifications from the Good Grants platform in order to be notified about the outcome of their applications.

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