



Project Title: Learning to Teach in an Outdoor Classroom

Project Summary (150 words maximum)



Our first year implementing "Learning to Teach in an Outdoor Classroom" project at The Orchard Garden through collaboration between the Faculty of Education, Land & Food Systems, and the School of Architecture & Landscape Architecture has been amazingly fruitful. As encapsulated in our mission statement, *The Orchard Garden aims to cultivate a living outdoor classroom that invites learners across disciplines to explore and connect theory to practice through the relationships between teaching, learning, and growing.* The project continues to be student-led, and has engaged over 500 undergraduate students, graduate students, and community members in hands-on learning and research. While our focus remains student teacher education, TLEF funding also enriches the learning experience for students beyond the FoE, and contributes to the University's Sustainability Academic Strategy and Community Engagement missions. As we transition into our second

year, continued TLEF support will ensure that this valuable initiative is sustained in the long-term.