

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

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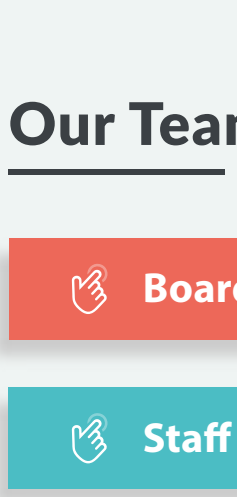
A world where a quality higher education is available to everyone.

Mission

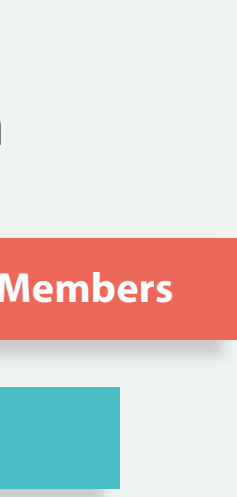
To help people in the developing world realize their dreams through higher education because education is the key to a flourishing society and a sustainable world.

Academics Without Borders' projects are involved in the full range of university activities from expanding and improving existing institutions and programs to helping create new ones.

From our Board Chair & Executive Director



Ian Graham
Board Chair



Nancy Gallini
Executive Director

Our Team



Board Members



Staff



Advisory Council

2024 was an outstanding year for AWB! On behalf of the Board of Directors, we extend our heartfelt thanks to all those who made AWB's extraordinary achievements possible: our partner institutions of higher education in the Global South, our amazing volunteers and exceptional staff, our Canadian Network of Colleges and Universities, and our broad community of institutional donors, individual supporters and dedicated friends! With your help AWB has delivered deeply meaningful improvements in global higher education – advancements that will benefit generations of students, faculty and staff, both in the Global South and in Canada.

Over the course of 2024, AWB's stellar volunteers from our Network members partnered on 39 new, continued or completed initiatives in low- and middle-income countries – from strengthening veterinary education in Morocco to advancing learner-centered teaching in Pakistan to designing a nursing training course for immigrant/refugee-centered healthcare in Brazil. The lists of projects, partner institutions, volunteers and Network members are provided in links throughout the annual report.

A major 2024 highlight was the establishment of the new University of Nepal! Following nearly five years of AWB volunteer support, the Nepali government signed the founding Act in October 2024 that made this new liberal arts institution official. We congratulate our Nepali partners and the many AWB volunteers who helped make this vision a reality.

While 2024 has been a year of great progress, we must also acknowledge significant emerging challenges. Increased volunteer travel and operating costs, deep cuts to Canadian university budgets, significant reductions to USAID funding for education and health, and rising global conflict are all impacting our work. Indeed, these geopolitical shifts threaten to reduce our resources and capacity – all while raising demand for AWB's expertise and support.

Thus now, more than ever, we need and are profoundly grateful for your continued support: through volunteering, partnerships, and philanthropy. Your support is the life blood for our work, allowing us to advance the quality of and equity in higher education worldwide. Thank you all for your support, and for standing with us in this vital mission!

Warm regards,
Nancy & Ian

You make our work possible!

A heartfelt thanks to our many donors. Without your generosity, our programs and projects would not happen.



Our Donors



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Our Impact



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2024 Volunteers



Meet Our Volunteers

2024 Host Institution



THE UNIVERSITY
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

2024 Foundations/Companies/Organizations

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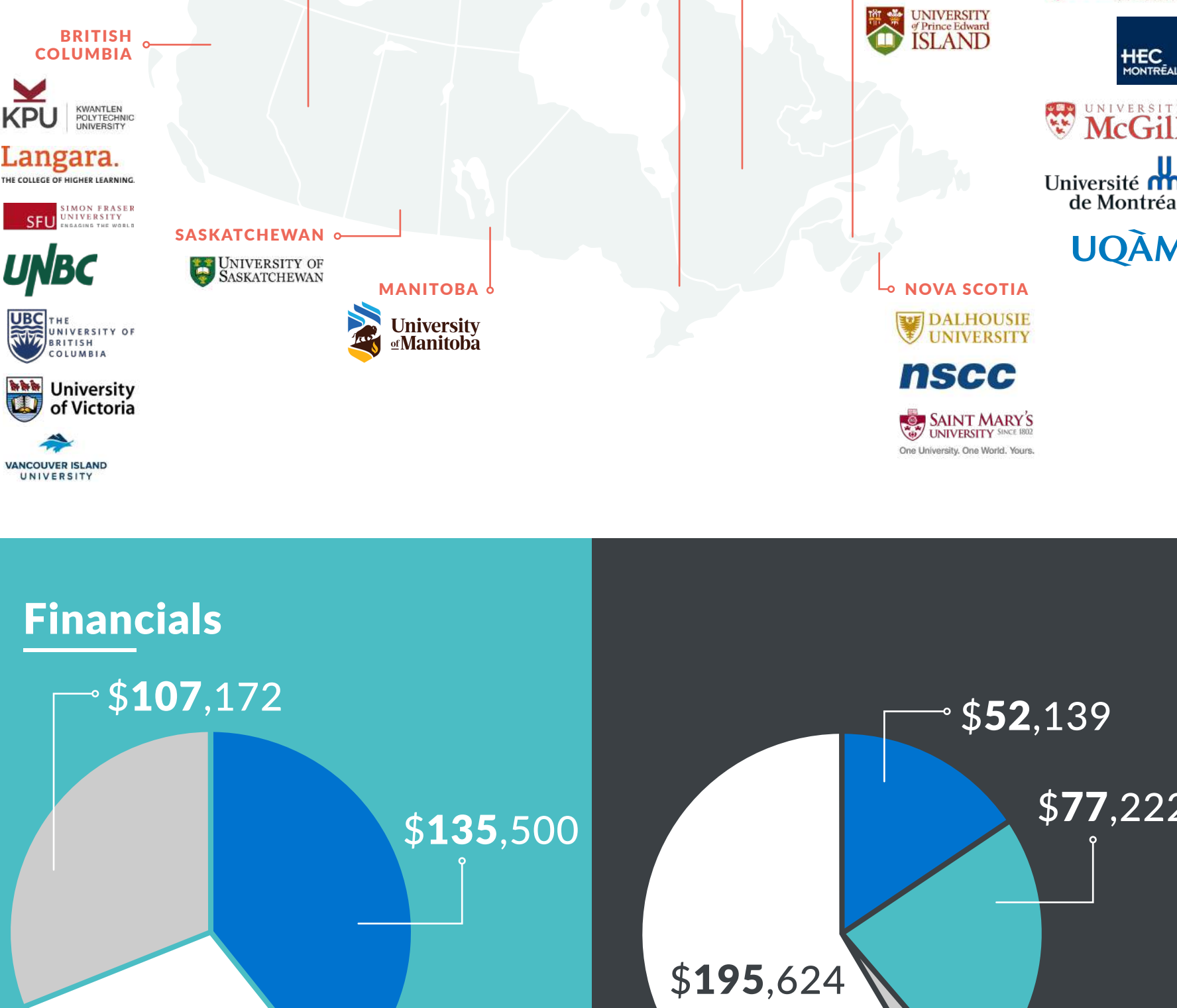
2024 Projects

Working both online and on-site

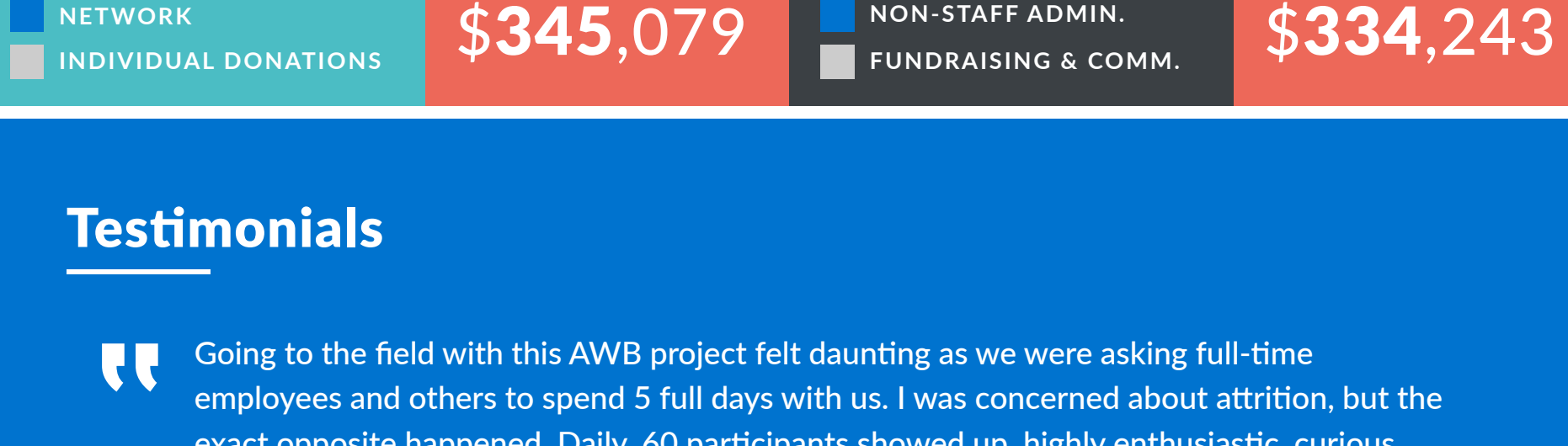


AWB Network

Academics Without Borders' Network includes 36 universities and colleges across Canada.



Financials



Testimonials



Going to the field with this AWB project felt daunting as we were asking full-time employees and others to spend 5 full days with us. I was concerned about attrition, but the exact opposite happened. Daily, 60 participants showed up, highly enthusiastic, curious, engaged, even light-hearted, right to the very end. One participant commented that he attended to his work responsibilities at night so he could be present the next day for the ethics workshops. I surmise many others made these adjustments so we could learn and build together."

- Rita Yembilah, AWB Volunteer, University of Calgary



Until recently no University in the country was training medical physicists...[This project] means that at some point in the future we will be able to reach a patient who would otherwise not be able to get treatment. We will be able to train people who would not be able to develop a career in medical physics. So AWB's support will have an astronomical impact in the long term."

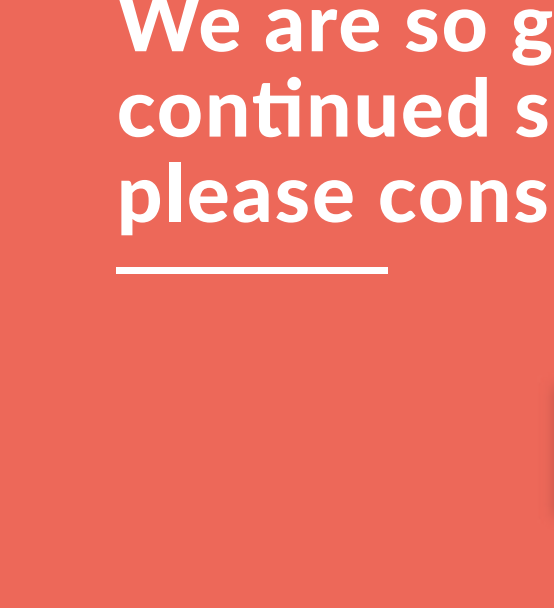
- Daniel Maitethia Memeu, Meru University of Science and Technology, Faculty Member



The guidance and dedication from Dr. Mignone allowed us to learn about the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy and to finally create our own data repository, which is what some of us had been interested in for quite a number of years."

- Dr. Nora Montealegre, Universidad de Antioquia, Faculty Member

Thank you!



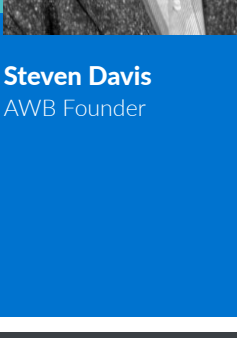
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Demand continues to grow for support provided by AWB. We are grateful to our remarkable volunteers, AWB's Network of colleges and universities especially our 2024 host institution University of British Columbia, and the generous organizations and individuals who provide the financial resources that are essential for AWB to respond to the increasing demand.

We are so grateful for the generous and continued support of our many donors, please consider making a gift today.



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Steven Davis
AWB Founder

The AWB community mourns the passing in February 2025 of AWB's extraordinary founder and humanitarian, Steven Davis. Steven deeply understood the power of higher education and the value of demand-driven collaboration—projects initiated and owned by partners in low- and middle-income countries – that enriches both partners and Canadian volunteers and institutions. We invite you to read our tribute to him in the April 2025 issue of our newly launched AWB Quarterly Update.