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FACULTY OF FORESTRY INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY RESEARCH SEED FUNDING

Fund Guidelines

PURPOSE

To foster collaborative and mutually beneficial research projects with Canadian Indigenous communities (First Nations, Metis and Inuit) that are designed to lead to larger externally funded research projects.

DESCRIPTION

The Faculty of Forestry will provide a number of awards up to $5000 to support the initial phase of engaged research in Indigenous communities in Canada.

ELIGIBILITY

Open to UBC Faculty of Forestry graduate students pursuing a program of research in collaboration with an Indigenous community partner. This is a one-time grant aimed at supporting research that builds upon the Faculty's commitment to Indigenous Engagement (See Commitment 4 of the Faculty of Forestry's Strategic Plan for more info: http://www.forestry.ubc.ca/general-information/strategic-plan/).

In particular:

- Increase the amount of research being undertaken in collaboration with Indigenous Communities
  - Focus on pursuing social and economic sustainability of Indigenous communities
  - Establish community lead research initiatives to support research by Indigenous communities
  - Establish long term research partnerships relevant to Indigenous forestry

CRITERIA

Funding will be awarded through a peer review process by adjudicators appointed by the Faculty of Forestry. The adjudicators will be guided by the following criteria:

Meaningfulness of the research partnership to the community
- Community participation in planning, implementing and evaluating the project
- The research addresses a community-identified issue or need in a way that is appreciated by the community
- The work will lead to a substantive and meaningful impact for the community. These impacts can include material benefit; control over publication; empowerment; capacity building; control over gathered data, and sustainability of outcomes.

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Appropriateness of methodological approach

- The approach reflects the best practices and ethical considerations appropriate to Indigenous methodologies and community engaged research. See UBC Library's Guide to Indigenous Research Methodologies for further information: https://guides.library.ubc.ca/c.php?g=383361&p=2597593

Plans for dissemination

- Proposed dissemination forums will be appropriate to both the community partner and the researcher

Appropriateness of budget

- The budget is realistic and adheres to the eligibility guidelines

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

Funding is intended to be flexible and amenable to the unique costs of undertaking initial collaborative community research. The following are examples of eligible expenses:

- Travel costs incurred by faculty, students or community members in attending collaborative project design and implementation meetings
- Travel costs and conference fee for community members taking part in a collaborative conference presentation
- Compensation for a community member's time contributing to the research
- Honoraria or gifts for a community member's time
- Hospitality costs for community gatherings
- Costs for producing and distributing materials related to the dissemination of the research
- Contracted services that directly facilitate collaborative project design and implementation (members of the participating community are contracted to undertake the work)
- Casual student hours for specialized work directly related to the community collaboration (transcribing, mapping, sampling/analyzing, audio/video editing, etc.)

INELIGIBLE EXPENSES

- Expenses associated with tangential or other research work not directly connected to the community engaged outcomes
- Conference fees and associated travel costs for faculty and students

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TERMS OF SUPPORT

Funds will be allocated in December, 2018. Recipients will have one year (12 months) from the start date to use the funds.

Recipients will be required to submit a report detailing the results of the initiative. The report may be used for internal and external communications purposes, such as Branchlines, and should be written with a general audience in mind. The report must include specific examples of community engagement, and the impact of the research project.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The application should include the following:

- A cover letter (2 pages maximum) that describes how your project meets the eligibility criteria; how your project will have a meaningful impact for the community; and if you currently or have been involved with any type of community engagement.
- A proposed budged outlining funds allocation, total funds requested and a timeline
- Letters of support/reference from your research supervisor

Submit applications as a pdf file via email with the subject "Indigenous Community Research Seed Funding Application" to Alison Krahn, Program Manager of Indigenous Initiatives – alison.krahn@ubc.ca.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

November 2, 2018 by 4pm PST