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Indigenous Initiatives Fund Call for Proposals

Awards in the range of \$20,000 - \$50,000 (budget-only funds)
Submission Deadline: Monday, October 30, 2017

The University of Manitoba's Indigenous Initiatives Fund has been created to support unit-based projects that further the University of Manitoba's goals and priorities associated with Indigenous achievement. These funds will be distributed on a competitive basis to faculties, schools, colleges, libraries and administrative units ('units').

1.0 Purpose

The purpose of the Indigenous Initiatives Fund is to support unit-based projects that advance our commitment to Indigenous Achievement as stated in our Strategic Plan, 2015-2020, [Taking Our Place](#). Indigenous achievement goals and supporting actions are woven throughout the five key priorities and submissions are invited in support of these goals and priorities.

2.0 Eligibility

All full-time faculty and staff in academic and administrative units at the University of Manitoba are invited to apply. Proposals must be submitted to the Dean/Director/Administrative Unit Head for their review and signature.

We encourage applications in alignment with the goals and priorities of the Strategic Plan, in particular:

- Staff/faculty development with respect to furthering understandings of Indigenous knowledge, cultures and traditions.
- Community engagement between Indigenous organizations, groups, communities and the University of Manitoba.
- Curriculum/course development and revisions to better incorporate Indigenous knowledge and perspectives in the curriculum.
- Innovations in teaching and learning to enhance the success of Indigenous students and/or to ensure that all students graduate with a better understanding of the importance of the contributions of Indigenous peoples in Manitoba and Canada.

- Initiatives to encourage more Indigenous students and staff to study and work at the University of Manitoba, particularly in the areas/fields where they are most underrepresented.

3.0 Funding:

Proposals are invited for projects ranging from \$20,000 to \$50,000 in total (budget only funds). Normally, funding proposals will support development or operating expenses (i.e., personnel, contract, materials/supplies, etc.).

Funding for capital expenditures related to renovations or additions to the physical infrastructure will **not** be considered. Requests for other minor capital expenditures will only be considered if accompanied by a rationale that clearly indicates that a) the expenditure is required for the success of the program; and, b) funding is not available from other sources.

Funding requests will **not** be considered for costs associated with research activities, including equipment (please see the Office of Research Services for more information on the University's internal grant [Indigenous Research Program](#)).

4.0 Criteria:

The proposals recommended for funding will support unit-based initiatives that further the University of Manitoba's goals and priorities associated with Indigenous achievement. Priority will be given to the following:

1. A project that will result in sustainable benefits to faculty, staff, and/or students, and/or communities.
2. A project that includes outcome-based criteria that will be used to evaluate the project's success.
3. A project that is most likely to achieve a large impact relative to the funding investment.
4. A project that represents an innovative new or substantially modified activity.
5. A project that can achieve the desired outcomes in a limited duration, or at least provide a pilot/test of a new program, rather than something requiring on-going operational funding. For ongoing initiatives, applicants must attest to long-term funding plans.
6. A proposed budget that is reasonable, justified, and in line with the objectives of the project.

5.0 Proposals:

Proposals must be reviewed and signed by the Dean/Director/Administrative Unit Head to indicate support for the proposal. Multiple proposals from units **may** be rank ordered, if the Dean/Director/Administrative Unit Head so wishes. If provided, these rankings will be considered in determining allocations.

Applicants will submit their proposals through the appended PDF fillable application form. Guidelines/content are as outlined below:

1. Project Summary: An executive summary of the proposed project.
2. Project Description: Identification of the project lead including his/her/their relevant experience for undertaking this work. Alignment with the criteria including the key activities to be supported, the importance of the program, a timeline for activities, plans for evaluating the project outcomes/benefits, plans for sustaining the initiative, etc.
3. Justification and alignment with priorities regarding Indigenous Achievement as stated in *Taking Our Place*, as well as within the unit-level priorities.
4. A detailed budget with a justification that includes:
 - Personnel/contract costs (include all costs, such as benefits and pay levy)
 - Materials and supplies
 - Other (please specify)
 - Total budgetPlease include a description of any financial and in-kind supports for the proposal from the unit or other sources.
5. Letters of Support (if applicable).
6. Signature of the Dean/Director/Administrative Unit Head indicating support of the project.

6.0 Submissions:

STEP 1: Applicants to complete the PDF fillable application form (with attachments if applicable), 'Save' the file, and email the application package to their Dean/Director/Administrative Unit Head for review and approval. A 'word' document is also attached for those unable to submit PDF applications.

Please adhere to internal deadlines as identified by your unit.

STEP 2 Dean/Director/Administrative Unit Head to review and approve proposal/s and electronically sign off and rank, if applicable.

STEP 3: Dean/Director/Administrative Unit Head to SUBMIT electronic applications or email word applications to norman.delosreyes@umanitoba.ca

7.0 Deadline: Monday, October 30, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

8.0 Decisions:

Proposals will be vetted and ranked by a committee co-chaired by the Vice-Provost (Academic Affairs) and the Vice-Provost (Indigenous Engagement).

Successful applicants will receive funding notices by mid-November 2017 and funds must be used by the end of the 2017/18 fiscal year (March 31, 2018).

9.0 Summary/Final Report

Within three months of the completion or termination of the project, a final report must be submitted to the Vice-Provost (Indigenous Engagement). This report should not exceed two pages and should describe: what was accomplished, including a summary of the outcomes/benefits; and an indication of any future development of the project/plans for sustaining the initiative.