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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 31, 2016

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 and rank ordered prior to submission to the Provost.

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 requests will **not** be considered for costs associated with capital expenditures (i.e., renovations or additions to the physical plant). 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 most likely to achieve a large impact relative to the funding investment.
4. A project that represents an innovative new or substantially modified activity, rather than an existing activity or program.
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.
6. A proposed budget that is reasonable, justified and in line with the objectives of the project.

5.0 Proposals:

Deans/Directors/Administrative Unit Heads must rank proposals if more than one is coming from their unit. **Internal deadlines** should be set by Deans/Directors/Administrative Unit Heads in advance of October 31 so that proposals can be ranked and forwarded to the Provost's Office. The committee will take the rankings into account as one factor in determining allocations.

Proposals must include the following sections (and must not exceed 6 pages total):

1. Project Summary: An executive summary.
2. Project Description: 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. Ranking by Dean/Director/Administrative Unit Head.

6.0 Decisions:

Proposals will be vetted and ranked by a committee co-chaired by the Vice-Provost (Academic Affairs) and the Acting Executive Lead, Indigenous Achievement.

Successful applicants will receive funding notices by mid-November 2016 and funds must be used by the end of the 2017/18 fiscal year (March 31, 2018).

7.0 Submissions and Deadline

The deadline for receipt of proposals is **Monday, October 31, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.**

Proposals are to be submitted to the Vice-Provost (Academic Affairs) via norman.delosreyes@umanitoba.ca.