



INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' HEALTH RESEARCH CENTRE

Community Network Research Grant (CNR)

Application Deadline: March 1, 2011 - Maximum Value: \$15,000

The Indigenous Peoples' Health Research Centre (IPHRC) is a collaboration between the University of Regina, the First Nations University of Canada, and the University of Saskatchewan with broad support from a variety of Aboriginal organizations and health agencies. IPHRC is funded by the Institute of Aboriginal Peoples' Health (IAPH), one of the institutes of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR). Funding provided to IPHRC aims to improve the health of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples through the assertion of Indigenous understandings of health and by fostering innovative community-based and scientifically excellent research. IPHRC's purpose is to sustain, strengthen and evolve a collaborative Network Environment for Aboriginal Health Research comprised of researchers and Aboriginal communities in Saskatchewan. IPHRC's primary goals are:

1. To participate in the development and sustainability of a network of researchers and Aboriginal partners who grow Aboriginal health research locally, nationally and internationally through our four research themes:
 - *Indigenous identity, place and connectivity, and cultural/linguistic continuity, as they relate to health*
 - *Mental health and addictions*
 - *Complex interactions of factors*
 - *Chronic disease*
2. To sustain and evolve the infrastructure, human capacity, research excellence, knowledge translation, and community focus of our Network Environment for Aboriginal Health Research (NEAHR) to meet the health needs of our people through:
 - Community involvement and support
 - Training and recruitment
3. To facilitate, in partnership with Saskatchewan First Nations and Métis communities, the translation of research knowledge generated by our centre at national and international Aboriginal and other research forums.
4. To partner with Aboriginal organizations and communities to secure further health research funds.

DESCRIPTION

IPHRC's Community Network Research (CNR) Grant provides funding to complete community-based research projects focusing on Indigenous health. In response to feedback expressing the need for such a program, the CNR grant promotes the principles of OCAP (Ownership, Control, Access, and Possession) and through direct community involvement, ensures relevant and appropriate research.

OBJECTIVES

The primary objectives of this fund are:

- To support projects that demonstrate both research excellence and a clear benefit to Indigenous community health. Proposals should also coincide with IPHRC's four research themes mentioned above.
- To provide networking and mentoring among and between University and community researchers from different disciplines.
- To better position Aboriginal community-university teams of researchers to access provincial and national granting opportunities.
- To facilitate integrated knowledge translation (IKT) initiatives into the routine activities of research teams.
- To enhance regional opportunities in health research capacity.

FUNDS AVAILABLE

- The total amount available for the CNR grants is \$45,000.
- The maximum amount awarded for a single grant is \$15,000 per annum for up to one year.

Please refer to CIHR's Use of Funds policy for a detailed description of eligible expenses: <http://bit.ly/eG3k4n>

ELIGIBILITY

The funding is open to Aboriginal communities and health organizations in partnership with health –related researcher(s) with an academic or research appointment at a Saskatchewan university. Both the researcher and community partner are equally co-principal applicants; however, the researcher would be the nominated principal applicant and, therefore, would assume administrative and financial responsibility for the grant.

The contributions to the project of all partners should be clearly defined in the application materials as well as how this research will be of benefit to the community.

REVIEW PROCESS AND EVALUATION

Applications will be evaluated by the IPHRC peer review committee and based on the following criteria:

- How the research project fulfills the goals and objectives set out above
- Evidence of strong Aboriginal community partnership and collaboration
- The importance and originality of the proposed research
- Quality and feasibility of the research design
- Suitability of the research environment
- Potential of the applicants to carry out the work
- General soundness of the overall research plan
- Appropriateness of the budget
- Adherence to the principles of ethical research

Funding Decision

Upon completion of peer review, IPHRC will receive the ranking list, ratings and recommendations. The list will be used for funding decision-making purposes and will remain anonymous. Applications will be rated on a scale between 0 – 4.9. Applications rated below 3.5 will not be funded.

A general overview of the peer review committee's comments will be provided to every applicant.

EFFECTIVE DATE

The earliest commencement date for the award is July 1, 2011. Awards must be accepted within 2 months of the date of offer. Funds will normally be expended within 12 months of the awarded date. Any funds not expended by this date must be returned to IPHRC if the NPA has not been granted an extension. Requests for extensions may be considered and should be made in writing addressed to the Director at the address below before the award end date.

EXPECTATIONS OF GRANTEE

- Funds may be used for a wide variety of services and projects but must conform to CIHR/Tri-Council guidelines: <http://bit.ly/eG3k4n>.
- The application must include a detailed justification of all costs.
- The award recipients are required to acknowledge the support of IPHRC and CIHR in all written, oral and electronic presentations of their research. Both logos are available on our website.
- A summary of the research project must be included in the application for the use of IPHRC in promoting the activities of IPHRC.
- Applicants must indicate how the results of the project will be communicated, promoted, and used within the Indigenous community.
- Ethics approvals must be obtained where necessary before funds are released. Applicants must adhere to CIHR Guidelines for Health Research Involving Aboriginal People (<http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/29134.html>).
- A full report is due within 3 months of project completion. Reporting documentation is available at www.iphrc.ca.

HOW TO APPLY

Application forms are available for download at www.iphrc.ca and are to be *emailed* to the Research Coordinator. A hard copy of the application with original signatures is to be mailed to the IPHRC office below. Application must be received by March 1 and hard copy must be post marked no later than March 1.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information regarding the IPHRC Community Network Research Grant, please contact:

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