



INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' HEALTH RESEARCH CENTRE

Summer Undergraduate Research Award 2012 Call for Applications

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 scientifically-excellent research. IPHRC's purpose is to sustain, strengthen and evolve a collaborative Network Environment for Aboriginal Health Research (NEAHR) comprised of researchers and Aboriginal communities in Saskatchewan. As a CIHR-funded NEAHR centre, 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 Metis 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 will provide funding for undergraduate students to gain experience by participating in Aboriginal health research.

OBJECTIVE

To encourage undergraduate students to pursue further studies leading to careers and/or advanced education in Aboriginal health research.

FUNDS AVAILABLE

- The total amount available for the Undergraduate Research Awards is \$21,000.00.
- The maximum amount awarded for a single grant is \$4,200 (\$1400 per month for 3 months).
- Students and supervisors are required to secure additional funding to pay the student salary in the fourth month of the research project.
- IPHRC will manage the funds directly and use the University of Regina payroll for dissemination, regardless of the institution the student attends.

ELIGIBILITY

- Students who have completed or will have completed 18 cu in the last 12 months of an academic year (e.g. May 1, 2011-April 30, 2012).
- Work will conform to IPHRC's primary goals and themes.
- To meet IPHRC's goals and objectives aimed at increasing research capacity within the Aboriginal community, preference will be given to Aboriginal students.
- Preference is given to those whose work will involve Aboriginal communities; however, Aboriginal students participating in any aspect of health-related research will be considered.

REVIEW PROCESS AND EVALUATION

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

- academic/scholarly record,
- quality of proposed research, and
- research environment/supervisor.

EFFECTIVE DATE

- Funds must be accepted before April 30, 2012.
- The funding period is from May 1, 2012 to August 31, 2012.

EXPECTATIONS OF GRANTEE

- Application is submitted **by the research supervisor**.
- Upon completion students must submit to IPHRC a report signed by their supervisor (available at www.iphrc.ca) within 30 days of the end of the award.
- Supervisors are asked to aid the students in identifying any outcomes related to their summer research experience.

HOW TO APPLY

The supervisor must **email** the application form (available at www.iphrc.ca) along with a pdf copy of the supervisor's CIHR Common CV and attachment (<https://www.ccv-cvc.ca/pls/c3/c3.startup?pLANGUAGE=1>) to the IPHRC Regina Research Coordinator at the address below no later than March 1, 2012. Original signatures and transcripts are to be mailed to the IPHRC office below post marked no later than March 1, 2012. **Late applications will not be considered.**

FURTHER INFORMATION

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