



BC NEIHR

Research Experience Award Overview and Instructions

Duration and Value: \$2,000 (short-term, non-renewable) or \$7,000 for POR-focused stream (please see website for more information on POR).

Objective: To support Indigenous (*First Nations, Métis or Inuit*) graduate students studying in British Columbia (BC), who are pursuing Indigenous wellness-related research and seeking to gain additional research-related experience.

Eligibility:

Indigenous graduate students in BC who have partnered with an Indigenous community, collective or organization (ICCO) to engage in a wellness-related research project that is mutually beneficial. Partnerships can form in response to a placement advertised by BC NEIHR or can be a pre-existing relationship. Applicants must be studying in and conducting research in British Columbia. Applicants must also have an Academic Mentor at an eligible institution for funds to be transferred.

To be eligible, the applicant must:

- complete a BC NEIHR Registration Survey, if not already a member (visit www.uvic.ca/bcneihr or email Network Coordinator for a BC NEIHR Registration Survey)
- provide proof of Canadian Indigenous ancestry, specifically, a photocopy of either a status, citizenship, membership, registration, or enrolment card (refer to FAQs on website for examples);
- be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada;
- submit only one application to the BC NEIHR Research Experience Award program.

General Application Process:

- Applications must be prepared, finalized and submitted as one PDF file and emailed to bcneihr@uvic.ca. See Application Checklist on Application Form to ensure completeness of your application.
- Any information that exceeds the page/character limits, or is not required, will be removed from the application prior to peer review.
- Applicants should preview all components of their application to ensure its completeness.
- Submission of an application serves as consent to the peer review process and public announcement of recipients on the BC NEIHR website.

Documents (e.g., CV) should use either Arial, Calibri or Times New Roman 12 point. Maximum of six lines per inch, margin of 2 cm (3/4 inch) – minimum- around the page.

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Do not use condensed/narrow font sizes, type density, or line spacing. Smaller text in tables, charts, figures, graphs, and references is acceptable, as long as it is legible when the page is viewed at 100%.

If you have questions and/or need help with your application, please contact us Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm Pacific Time by email at bcneihr@uvic.ca or by phone at 250-472-5449.

Use of Funds:

Proposed activities to support the graduate student's mentorship needs are eligible. Research Experience Awards can be used for self-funding students' time, while working on a wellness-related research project initiated by and of interest to an Indigenous community, collective or organization. The research experience can be undertaken at any time during one year of their program and may involve engagement on-site (e.g. assisting with a community-level KT event, land-based research activity or community research engagement meeting/s) or by distance (e.g. environmental scan or literature review for a proposal), under the supervision of their academic mentor.

An academic and community or organizational Mentor will guide each Mentee through this experience.

All Research Experience Award applications must include a letter of support from a representative of an Indigenous organization or community to demonstrate that a partnership exists.

Other:

BC NEIHR will regularly canvas our Indigenous Community, Collective and Organizational Mentors and partners for priority wellness-related issues for which they require the type of assistance a Mentee might offer. These opportunities will be advertised through BC NEIHR's listserv, newsletter and website.

Students applying for more than one BC NEIHR funding opportunity must submit separate application packages with proposals that clearly differentiate between the submissions. Identical proposals will not be considered for more than one funding opportunity; nor will previously funded proposals be considered.

Research Experiences will be reviewed on a rolling basis, pending opportunities available for placements within organizations. Any student who has a pre-established relationship with an organization is eligible to submit an application with their organizational partner at any time.

Selection Process:

BC NEIHR's principles of review are:

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- confidentiality;
- absence of conflict of interest;
- fairness;
- accountability, and,
- transparency.

Review refers to the process used by BC NEIHR to assess applications submitted for funding. Applications are assigned to BC NEIHR Team Members who possess the required experience and/or knowledge (individual or collective) to properly assess the quality of the applications based on the objectives of the funding opportunity and its evaluation criteria. BC NEIHR's review process is supported by academic reviewers, as well as non-academic reviewers, including Indigenous organizations and community-based representatives.

Review Criteria:

Applications will be assessed on the basis of:

- **Applicant's Potential**

- Research or related experience in Indigenous wellness.
- Academic excellence (as demonstrated by past academic results, transcripts, awards and distinctions).

- **Proposed Research Potential**

- The research activities (goal/objective, methods, data collection, community engagement, etc.) you intend to conduct and their impact.

- *Consideration will be given to regional, cultural and disciplinary representation.*
- *Research will ideally be initiated by an Indigenous community, collective or organization (not sought out by the student or their supervisor).*

- **Training Expectations**

Applicants should describe:

- how the expected training will contribute to their productivity and to the research goals they hope to achieve;
- how their expected training has fostered impacts within and beyond the research environment.

Accountability:

On condition of receiving the award, recipients will be expected to meet specific accountability measures, including:

- engaging with the proposed plan outlined in their application;
- actively participating in and/or contributing to the BC NEIHR activities and resources;

- supporting peers and mentoring students more junior in training;
- contributing to the BC NEIHR evaluation activities by completing a brief survey about the experience;
- attending the annual Learning and Sharing Circle to present work and speak about participation in this opportunity; and
- acknowledging the BC NEIHR in any publication or presentation related to the research project.

Use and disclosure of information:

The BC NEIHR may publish the name and other limited award information of award holders on their website.

For more information:

Contact Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm Pacific Time.

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You may also visit the BC NEIHR website for more information and/or social media pages for frequent updates on other student opportunities and resources.

Website: www.uvic.ca/bcneih

Facebook: @BC.NEIHR

Twitter: @BCNEIHR

Instagram: @BCNEIHR

YouTube: @BC NEIHR

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