

**Indigenous Mentorship Network of Ontario
2021 Seed Grant
Information for Applicants**

The Indigenous Mentorship Network of Ontario (IMN-Ontario) provides financial support for Indigenous post-doctoral fellows and new investigators pursuing research in the area of applied community-based Indigenous health and well-being. Financial support is provided in the form of a research allowance.

Defining Health and Well-being

IMN-Ontario takes a broad definition of health and well-being. On our website (www.imnp.uwo.ca) we have provided a broad definition of what constitutes Indigenous health and well-being.

Seed Grants

All seed grants are considered for a one-year term. Post-doctoral fellows and new investigators are eligible to receive a research allowance of up to \$5,000 per year.

Eligibility Criteria

In order to qualify for an IMN-Ontario seed grant:

1. The applicant must self-identify as an Indigenous post-doctoral fellow or new investigator. A new investigator is a scholar within the first 60 months of a faculty appointment.
2. The applicant must be enrolled or must hold a faculty appointment at an Ontario university.
3. The applicant must be undertaking research in the area of applied community-based Indigenous health and well-being.

Assessment Criteria

Applicants will be evaluated on the basis of their proposed research project and use of funds. There must be a commitment to disseminate the information arising from the research.

Applications will be assessed based on the following criteria:

- Fit with the focus of the IMN-Ontario on applied Indigenous health and well-being research.
- Community-based approach to the research topic and project development.
- Indigenous community/organization involvement in and support for the research project.
- Quality and innovation of the proposed research.
- Effective use of funds to support the capacity of Indigenous communities/organizations in the area of applied health research.

Other Relevant Application Information

IMN-Ontario provides networking, mentorship and training activities for post-doctoral fellows and new investigators supported through our program. Participation in IMN-Ontario training activities is expected of successful applicants. Successful applicants must agree to provide a short biography and a photo for our website at the time of notification of the grant, as well as a progress and financial report at the end of their grant period.

It is the applicant's responsibility to obtain the required ethics approval for research involving humans from the relevant research ethics review board in their own institutions.

All application documents should be e-mailed in a single pdf file to imnp@uwo.ca with the exception of letters of reference (to be e-mailed directly by referee to the same address)

For more information, please contact:

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Effective Date

All applications must be received by **Monday February 1, 2021 at 4pm EST**. No late applications will be accepted. All applicants will be notified of their result by April 2021.

SEED GRANT: RESEARCH ALLOWANCE GUIDELINES

Below are some guidelines to follow when developing a proposal for a research allowance.

Travel Expenses*Eligible Expenses*

- Travel and subsistence costs include reasonable out-of-pocket expenses for field work, including informant fees or gifts, archival work and historical research.
- Air travel must be claimed at the lowest rate available, not to exceed full economy fare.
- Child care or babysitting expenses incurred by nursing/single parents while travelling. The eligible cost for a single parent is limited to overnight child care costs incurred while travelling.
- Safety-related expenses for field work, such as protective gear, immunizations, etc.

Non-Eligible Expenses

- Passport and immigration fees.

Equipment, Computers and Supplies*Eligible Expenses*

- Research equipment and supplies.
- Software required for research, i.e., statistical/data analysis software.

Non-Eligible Expenses

- Computers and other hardware.
- Monthly charges for the use of the internet from home.
- Cellular phones.

Dissemination of Research Results

Eligible Expenses

- Costs associated with the circulation of findings, i.e., through traditional media as well as videos, etc.
- Page charges for articles published.
- Costs of preparing a research manuscript for publication.
- Translation costs (payment for translation services must be made by requisition for payment, not paid directly to translator).
- Costs of holding a workshop or seminar, the activities of which relate directly to the funded research (including non-alcoholic refreshments and meal costs).

Services and Miscellaneous Expenses

Eligible Expenses

- Costs for the purchase of books or periodicals and specialized office supplies.
- Hospitality costs (non-alcoholic refreshments or meals) for research-related activities.
- Costs associated with transcription (payment for transcription services must be made by requisition for payment, not paid directly to transcriber).

Non-eligible Expenses

- Costs of alcohol.
- Costs of membership in professional associations or scientific societies.
- Costs related to professional training or development, such as computer and language training.
- Monthly parking fees for vehicles, unless specifically required for field work.

Please note: Maximum research allowance awarded will be \$5,000.00