

RESEARCH ASSISTANT PROGRAM

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Research Assistant Program is to:

- Develop research capacity within the Northwest Territories (NWT); and
- Promote the hiring of NWT residents as research assistants on projects taking place within the territory.

VALUE

The Research Assistant Program provides up to \$2,500 CAD per assistant towards the wages of a NWT resident hired as a research assistant. No more than \$5,000 CAD will be considered in any one application.

PROGRAM GUIDELINES

We welcome applications from any researcher in the health, social, applied, physical and natural sciences wishing to employ NWT residents in their research program. Applications must demonstrate that the assistant(s) will be employed in meaningful work that will develop northern-based research capacity.

For this program, a NWT resident is defined as a person who has lived more than half of his/her life in the NWT.

Successful proposals will detail a specific plan to provide a meaningful experience to the research assistant(s) and how they will be used to further the applicant's research goals. Projects will have well-defined, methodologically sound, research plans that are considered achievable within the proposed budget, timeframe and personnel resources of the project.

If successful, recruitment, hiring and management of the Research Assistants is the sole responsibility of the successful applicant (or their institution). The Aurora Research Institute is not responsible nor participates in any aspect of the employment.

All applications for funding will be reviewed by a Screening Committee comprised of Aurora College staff. Recommendations will be submitted to the Research Advisory Council for final approval.

Applications are to be submitted via email to the Manager of Scientific Services (licence@nwtresearch.com). The deadline for applications is **midnight (MST) January 15th**.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Applications will be assessed according to the following criteria:

Northern Capacity Building & Community Engagement

- ✓ Does the proposed duties and activities of the Research Assistant(s) provide meaningful capacity building opportunities for northerners?
- ✓ Does the proposed research involve NWT residents in meaningful collaboration?
- ✓ Is community participation and support reflected in the application?

Research Design

- ✓ Are the objectives of project innovative, realistic and clearly stated?
- ✓ Are the methods innovative, well-justified and clearly explained?
- ✓ Is the research plan specific, clearly outlined and feasible?
- ✓ Is the project timeline and Research Assistant(s)'s role to support the timeline clear and reasonable?

Outcomes for the Research Assistant

- ✓ Does the Research Assistant(s) receive a meaningful research experience?
- ✓ Are there appropriate training and teaching opportunities planned for the Research Assistant(s)?

Knowledge Translation

- ✓ Are the appropriate individual/group identified for knowledge translation in the NWT?
- ✓ Do the proposed activities provide meaningful opportunities for knowledge translation to appropriate NWT groups?
- ✓ Is there appropriate and meaningful level of community participation?

Budget

- ✓ Is the proposed budget realistic and well justified in the proposal?
- ✓ Are the funds being used to advance the goal of this award?

Additional Notes

1. No overhead costs will be covered by this award. If proposed, any overhead costs will be subtracted from the value of the award.
2. If additional resources are required, grants may be conditional upon securing all required funding.
3. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
4. International applicants are welcome, but may only accept funding through their home institution or a partner institution in the NWT.



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