

# RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of the Research Fellowship Program is to:

- Promote research which contributes to the social, cultural, and economic well-being of the people of the Northwest Territories (NWT);
- Support research projects that seek active community participation;
- Develop the research capacity within the NWT; and
- Encourage partnerships between researchers and Aurora College staff and students.

## FELLOWSHIP VALUE

The Aurora Research Institute Research Fellowship Program provides up to \$6,000 CAD to off-set expenses associated with research projects based in the NWT.

## PROGRAM GUIDELINES

We welcome applications from researchers in the health, social, applied, physical and natural sciences. Community initiated research is strongly encouraged. Typically fellowships are awarded to students, community researchers and early career researchers.

Successful fellowship proposals will have well-defined, methodologically sound, research plans that are considered achievable within the proposed budget, timeframe and personnel resources of the project. They will clearly outline how the funds will be used to further their project's success. Applicants must demonstrate that their proposal involves meaningful participation of NWT residents in key roles and develop northern-based research capacity.

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](mailto:licence@nwtresearch.com)). The deadline for applications is **midnight (MST) February 28<sup>th</sup>**.

## ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Applications will be assessed according to the following criteria:

### *Northern Capacity Building & Community Engagement*

- ✓ Does the research project contribute to the development of northern-based research capacity?
- ✓ Does the proposed research involve NWT residents in meaningful collaborations?
- ✓ 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 clear and reasonable?

### *Outcomes*

- ✓ Does the proposed project result in outcomes that meet northern priorities?

### *Knowledge Translation*

- ✓ Are the appropriate individual/group identified for knowledge translation in the NWT?
- ✓ Does 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 fellowship. If proposed, 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 and/or late 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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