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**Application for Elders Engagement Fund  
ITOTELNEWTEL ŁTE: LEARNING FROM ONE ANOTHER**

**Background:**

The UVic Elders Engagement Fund carries the name ITOTELNEWTEL ŁTE: LEARNING FROM ONE ANOTHER in honour of Dr. Marie Cooper (SWETALIYE). The name was given to UVic by the Austin/Cooper family. Dr. Cooper had a 20-year career as an educational administrator, leading the transformation of Indigenous education at the K-12 and post-secondary levels. She was also a founding member of Elders' Voices at UVic and member of the Indigenous education advisory board in the Faculty of Education. Dr. Cooper received an Honorary Doctor of Education degree from the University of Victoria in 2010, in recognition of her many years of contributions in the field of education. In the words of her Great-niece, Melissa Austin (Tsartlip First Nation):

“The fund carries on the work [Marie] was doing at UVic, by bringing Knowledge Keepers and Elders into classrooms not only so that courses can be more culturally relevant for Indigenous students but so that all students have the opportunity to learn about Indigenous history and culture. She was passionate about supporting all students in post-secondary. This will go a long way to carrying on her legacy so that we can build capacity and understanding, and really engage in reconciliation and move forward.”

**Fund Terms:**

This fund will support the involvement of Elders or Knowledge Keepers in various activities across the university, such as:

- Providing UVic students, staff and faculty with direct, meaningful opportunities for learning Indigenous ways of learning in dialogue with Elders or Knowledge Keepers.
  - i.e. Faculty seminars, classroom visits and meeting with community groups, speaker honorariums and thank you gifts for either Elders in Residence or Indigenous guest speakers in seminars, lectures or other teaching and learning opportunities on or off campus with the local First Nations communities.
- CIRCLE speaker series or guest lecturing opportunities
- Cultural & land-based learning activities
- Opportunities for cross-discipline staff development and collaboration

Any UVic students, staff and faculty groups are welcome to apply. If you are unsure about your eligibility, please contact us with details before submitting your application.

### **Application Deadline:**

- **August 25** (notification given by end of August) for the Fall Term, and
- **December 11** (notification given by the end of December) for the Spring Term.

### **Application Selection:**

Application requests for amounts up to \$500 and will be reviewed by the Executive Director, Office of Indigenous Academic & Community Engagement or a representative. The amounts applied for should reflect the honorarium guidelines of:

- \$100 for participating in an hour long class,
- \$250 for participating in an event for a half day (3 hours), and
- \$500 for participating in a full day event (any time more than 3 hours)

The amount awarded will be dependent on the number of eligible applications per term at the discretion of the selection committee.

### **Application Criteria:**

- ✓ Description of the initiative/event/program/activities.
- ✓ Role of the Elders at the initiative/event/program/activities.
- ✓ Explanation of how this initiative/event/program/activity will positively impact the learning or leadership in the UVic community.
- ✓ Overall budget breakdown.

### **Disclaimers**

- Because of university's accounting policies on the fund account, funding from the UVic Elders Engagement Fund can **only** be disbursed after completion of the initiative/event/program/activities applied for. We cannot provide advances on cash honoraria from the Elders Engagement Fund account, so disbursement is contingent on receipt of evidence of the event after the fact. A FAST account expense line item including the FUND, ORGN, and ACCT codes is best for this purpose, but other documentation may be eligible. Please contact us in advance if you have any questions.
- By completing this application, you agree to provide IACE with a (very short!) narrative statement about your initiative/event/program/activity for future use in Elders Engagement Fund-related promotional material, upon request.

# APPLICATION FORM

<b>APPLICANT(S):</b>	
<b>APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION (EMAIL)</b>	
<b>DATE SUBMITTED</b>	
<b>FACULTY / DEPARTMENT / SCHOOL / COURSE</b>	
<b>NAME OF INITIATIVE/ EVENT/ PROGRAM/ ACTIVITIES</b>	
<b>DATE OF INITIATIVE/ EVENT/ PROGRAM/ ACTIVITIES</b>	
<b>NUMBER OF INTENDED PARTICIPANTS</b>	
<b>LOCATION OF INITIATIVE/ EVENT/ PROGRAM/ ACTIVITIES</b>	
<b>Description of the initiative/event/program/activities.</b>	

**Role of the Elder/Knowledge Keeper(s) in your initiative/event/program/activity.**

**Explanation of how this initiative/event/program/activity will positively impact the learning or leadership in the UVic community.**

**Initiative/event/program/activity budget:**

\$

**Overall cost break-down of the initiative/event/program/activities.**

**Elders Engagement Fund  
Amount Requested (up to \$500):**

\$

**Please submit application by e-mail or mail to:**

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