



# Indigenous Mentorship Network of the Pacific Northwest

## IMN-PN Awards and Stipends: Call for Applications Submission Deadline: February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018, 5 PM (PST)

### Opportunities

\*\*\* IMN-PN funding supports Indigenous students and researchers pursuing Indigenous wellness-related research. Students studying in or conducting research in British Columbia or the Yukon are encouraged to apply

#### **Research Experience Awards:**

- Eligibility: Indigenous students (at all levels), who have partnered with an Indigenous community or organization to engage in a wellness-related research project that is mutually beneficial. Partnerships can form in response to a placement advertised by IMN-PN or can be a pre-existing relationship. Applicants must either be studying in, or conducting research in British Columbia or the Yukon. Applicants must also have an Academic Mentor at an eligible institution for funds to be transferred.
- Use of funds: Research Experience Awards can be used for funding students' time, while working on a wellness-related research project initiated by and of expressed interest to an Indigenous community or organization. The research experience can be undertaken at any time during one year of the student's 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, Community and/ or Organizational Mentors.
- 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.
- IMN-PN will regularly canvas our Indigenous Community 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 IMN-PN's listserv, newsletter and website.
- Students applying for more than one IMN-PN funding opportunity (Research Experience Award, Research Expense Stipend, and/ or Conference/ Community Travel Award) 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.

<b>Award</b>	<b>Number of Awards Available</b>	<b>Value</b>
Undergraduate Trainee	Up to 16/ year	\$1,000 each
Graduate Trainee	Up to 20/ year	\$2,000 each

### Research Expense Stipends:

- Eligibility: Indigenous students who are completing research or research-related activities as part of their academic program (e.g. undergraduate honours thesis, thesis, practicum, final project, Community Governance Project, dissertation), and will receive post-secondary credit for completion of these activities. Applications outside of these parameters will be reviewed on a case by case basis. New Investigators are also eligible to apply for Research Expense Stipends to support their research activities. Applicants must either be a) studying in, or b) conducting research in British Columbia or the Yukon. Applicants must have an Academic Mentor at an eligible institution for funds to be transferred. Use of Funds: Stipends are intended to support students conducting Indigenous wellness-related research. Funds can offset the costs of research-related expenses (, and can be used to support the development (e.g. community meetings), implementation (e.g. data gathering), or sharing (e.g. conference registration) of their research project. Stipends are not intended to augment student income, and therefore cannot be used to pay applicant’s salary or wages for research assistants.
- IMN-PN will not provide retroactive reimbursement for expenses incurred prior to the application deadline. We encourage applicants to plan in advance and apply for funding while enrolled in coursework (approximately 4-6 months prior to completion), so that funds are available when full-time research commences.
- An Academic and Community or Organizational Mentor will guide each Mentee through this experience.
- Students applying for more than one IMN-PN funding opportunity (Research Experience Award, Research Expense Stipend, and/ or Conference/ Community Travel Award) 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; furthermore, repeat submissions in subsequent calls for applications will not be reviewed.

Stipend	Number of Stipends Available	Value
Undergraduate Trainee	Up to 16/ year	\$1,000 each
Graduate Trainee	Up to 20/ year	\$2,000 each
Doctoral Trainee	Up to 10/ year	\$3,000 each
Postdoctoral/ New Investigator Trainee	Up to 6/ year	\$5,000 each

### Conference/Community Travel Awards

- Eligibility: Graduate and Post-Doctoral Mentees and New Investigators. Applicants must have an academic mentor at an eligible institution, or in the case of New Investigators be employed at an eligible institution, for funds to be transferred.
- Use of Funds: Funds can be used to offset costs of travel to mentors, Elders, communities, and can also support access to academic or professional development resources, such as conferences or workshops. These funds can be held in addition to a Research Experience Award or a Research Expense Stipend.
- IMN-PN will not provide retroactive reimbursement for expenses incurred prior to the application deadline.

- Additional travel funds are available for students wishing to undertake an on-site research experience in the north (travel, accommodations, food)

Travel Award	Number of Awards Available	Value
Graduate, Doctoral, PD and NI trainee travel	Up to 20 over years 1-5	\$1,000 each
Northern Travel	Up to 5 over years 1-5	\$4,000 each

### **Submission Procedures**

- Applications for IMN-PN awards and stipends will be sent electronically to the Network Coordinator for initial review (for completeness and eligibility)
- Applications are to be submitted by email with all applicable attachments to [imnnpn@uvic.ca](mailto:imnnpn@uvic.ca). Applicants will receive an email confirmation that the application has been received within one week of submission.

### Application Materials

- Application Form
- IMN-PN Participant Form (if not already submitted)
- Verification of Enrollment
- One-Page Proposal (*single-spaced*): describe the research, your role in conducting the research; the activities you will undertake; how you will engage with academic, organizational and/ or community/ cultural mentors; and how the project advances your academic and professional development
- Budget and Timeline (for Research Expense Stipends)
  - *Template will be made available*
- Letter of Support from Academic Mentor that describes the training environment/resources available to the student, and plan for mentorship relationship
  - For research involving humans, animals or biohazardous materials, supervisors are responsible for obtaining research ethics approval and for ensuring that students receive the appropriate training and supervision to comply with the approved protocol.
- Letter of Support from Organization/ Community, on letterhead (if applicable)
  - *Template will be made available*
  - *If you are not providing a letter of support, please include a justification for why one isn't provided (max. 200-words).*
  - *If you are providing a letter of support, please provide a brief description of who is providing a letter and their role as a mentor as well as their role within the community/ organization (max. 200 words).*

### **Application Assessment**

#### Eligibility Criteria

- Indigenous (participant form)
- IMN-PN member (participant form)
- Level of study appropriate to the funding program applied for (participant form)

For more information, contact [imnnpn@uvic.ca](mailto:imnnpn@uvic.ca)

- Current student (verification of enrollment)
- Must have an academic mentor (signed letter of support)
- *Priority will be given to applicants who have not previously received IMN-PN funding*

#### Evaluation Criteria

- **Complete Application Package:** *(late or incomplete applications will not be considered)*
  - Application Form
  - IMN-PN Participant Form
  - Verification of Enrollment
  - One-Page Proposal
  - Budget and Timeline (for Research Expense Stipends)
  - Letter of Support from Academic Mentor
  - Letter of Support from Organization/ Community, on letterhead *(if applicable)*
- **Applicant's Potential (20%)**
  - Research or related experience/potential
  - Research or related experience in Indigenous wellness
- **Research Potential (40%)**
  - Feasibility of the proposed project (timeline, scope, workload, schedule/s)
  - Proposal describes:
    - the research,
    - applicant's role in conducting the research;
    - the activities they will undertake;
    - how they will engage with academic, organizational and/ or community/ cultural mentors;
    - how the project advances their academic and professional development
- **Partnership Potential (40%)**
  - Relationship with Indigenous partner
  - Relationship with Academic mentor
  - Project advances applicants education and/or training
  - Research environment facilitates applicant's learning, education and/or training
- *Consideration will be given to regional, cultural and disciplinary representation*
- *Research will ideally be initiated by an Indigenous community or organization (not sought out)*

#### Accountability

An IMN-PN Awards and Stipends Use of Funds or Research Experience Form will need to be completed by the Supervisor/Community Organization and the Mentee after the Mentee's project is completed.