



YORK INDIGENOUS RESEARCH SEED FUND Fall 2023 Call for Applications

York University is committed to facilitating research relevant to Indigenous life that respects Indigenous approaches to knowledge and learning. In support of Indigenous research, the Office of the Vice-President Research and Innovation (VPRI) in collaboration with the Office of Vice-President Equity, People and Culture (VP EP&C), the Centre for Indigenous Knowledges and Languages (CIKL) and the Indigenous Council has created a York Indigenous Research Seed Fund. The fund builds on the University's ongoing commitment to support Indigenous scholars, their knowledge creation and the Indigenous communities they are working with. The pilot round of the York Indigenous Research Seed Fund launched a call for applications in December 2021, with a total of \$204,298 of funding awarded to 10 scholars in May 2022. Currently, we are making a call for applications for the second round of funding.

Purpose: The York Indigenous Research Seed Fund is intended to support foundational and pilot research leading to larger and/or continuing projects. This fund is intended to support Indigenous scholars, especially early career researchers (ECR) who may have a project in a development phase and require funds to generate preliminary results, as well as those with a fully defined project.

Objectives: This fund will support early-stage research projects and help build research careers — as a seed, it is meant to help researchers put down roots for their research and support future growth. Research should include a commitment to listening to and learning from Indigenous Peoples' knowledge, ecology, spiritual practice, and experience. Projects focused on but not limited to policy, political, environmental, economic, social, cultural, health and legal areas that shape Indigenous experience will be considered. Collaboration is essential to exploring approaches in these areas, as well as making room for Indigenous research and/or Indigenous forms of disseminating research.

Outcomes: The application should identify anticipated outcomes of the research. These outputs should be appropriate to the project, support the needs of the community partner and the future research agenda of the applicant. Both culturally appropriate and scholarly research outputs should be described.

Deadlines: The application and supporting documents are to be submitted to resapps@yorku.ca by **4:30 pm on Monday October 16, 2023**. This year we will also be offering an iterative process whereby unsuccessful applications, along with a second round, will be able to re-submit in February 2024 pending the availability of any leftover funds from the fall competition.

Amount of Award: \$5,000 - \$50,000. There is a total of \$225,000 available. The amount granted for each project can be spent over the 3-year period. These grants are expected to encompass a variety of projects requiring different amounts of funding.

Anticipated Start Date: January 1, 2024¹

¹ Research involving human participants will be required to attain Ethics approval from York University's Indigenous Research Ethics Review Board prior to funds being released. Researchers are reminded to build this into their proposed timelines. [Guidelines for Research Involving Aboriginal/Indigenous Peoples - Research & Innovation](#)

Duration of Award: Projects will normally be completed in 36 months ending December 31, 2026.

Eligibility: Indigenous tenure-stream faculty members, and Indigenous post-doctoral fellows may apply. Indigenous tenured faculty members and retired faculty members who have been research active in the last three years as demonstrated in their CVs may also apply. Only projects with an Indigenous lead applicant are eligible. Non-Indigenous researchers working in Indigenous contexts are not eligible as this fund is intended to build capacity for Indigenous scholars.

Those who held a seed grant in the pilot round and have an active seed grant are not eligible to apply, with the exception of those who held a grant as a PhD student and is now a faculty member at York. Those who held a seed grant in the pilot round and have completed their project and/or have applied for external funding may also apply but must present a distinctly new project in their application.

Applications are welcome from and will be considered in the following priority:

1. Indigenous early career researchers (ECR) (tenure track/pre-tenure holding a York faculty appointment) who currently do not hold a tri-council research grant as a Principal Investigator (co-applicant on a tri-council grant does not exclude you from this opportunity);
 - o Early career researchers are those faculty who are not yet tenured.
2. Indigenous post-doctoral fellows who do not hold a tri-council research grant. If you hold a fellowship or scholarship, you are eligible if your funding does not fund the direct costs of research;
3. Other Indigenous faculty members including retired faculty who have been research active in the last 3 years.

Partnerships: Applicants may collaborate with Indigenous partners. If applicable, the application should demonstrate how the research responds to needs expressed by the community partner(s) and how the research will be conducted with, results communicated to, and data and outcomes transferred to the community partner(s) as appropriate.

Eligible and Ineligible Expenses: All York allowed and eligible expenses² including expenses incurred by partner organizations where appropriate in support of the project. Where appropriate, researchers may request an accountable advance to provide cash to the partner and obtain receipts for the research expenses incurred from the partner. Other eligible expenses include costs related to community meetings in support of the research, eventual knowledge mobilization, honoraria for Elders, and other expenses related to respecting culturally appropriate protocol including ceremony.

Indigenous Research Seed Grants are intended to support the direct costs of research as well as its dissemination in scholarly and community formats.

Reporting Requirements: Within 6 months of the end of a York Indigenous Research Seed Grant and no later than June 30, 2027, the applicant must provide a brief (max. 2 pages) report on their efforts to submit an application to an external funding opportunity. The report should outline the activities undertaken, the results obtained, the scholarly and other culturally appropriate research outputs and a description of possible future projects including but not limited to applications for external research funding if applicable. The report is to be submitted to

² <https://www.yorku.ca/finance/managing-research-grants/spending-research-dollars/eligible-expenses/>

resapps@yorku.ca.

Selection: The review of applications will be conducted by the Centre for Indigenous Knowledges and Languages and the AVP Indigenous Initiatives via an adjudication committee with administrative support from the VPRI office.

Criteria:

- Alignment with the objectives of this call for applications;
- Feasibility and soundness of the proposal;
- Importance of the topic;
- Quality of community collaboration including need identified by community partner if applicable;
- Likelihood of continuing research;
- Justification of the budget.

Successful applications:

- Articulate the Indigenous researcher's relationship to the project and/or prior experience with Indigenous organizations/communities³ generally and if applicable;
- Identify the motivation for proposed research with the specific community or organization;
- Articulate how the research is expected to benefit community, if applicable;
- Articulate how the grant will contribute to the future research career of the applicant;
- Present a reasonable, and well-justified budget;
- Are **not** for work already done; for support of day-to-day business of ongoing research programs or for "set-up costs" usually borne by Faculties and Departments.

For more information, please contact:

Administrative questions:

- David Phipps, Assistant VP Research Strategy & Impact; dhipps@yorku.ca and contact your Faculty Research Office/Associate Dean Research

Scholarship questions:

- Susan Dion, Associate VP Indigenous Initiatives; avpii@yorku.ca,
- Sean Hillier, Interim Director, Center for Indigenous Knowledges and Languages; shillier@yorku.ca

Application: Please complete the application form at the following link and submit, uploading all required documents.

<https://research.apps01.yorku.ca/machform/view.php?id=85755>

³ For a definition of community, see, for example, Chapter 9 of the Tri-Council Policy Statement on Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans (TCPS2).