

## APPLICATION FORM: NT-NEIHR Masters Scholarship

**Deadline: September 15, 2022**

**Value and Duration:** \$17,500 (full-time) or \$8,750 (part-time), for one year

### Description:

The Northwest Territories Network Environments for Indigenous Health Research (NT-NEIHR) is focused on creating a network between community members, Elders, and researchers with the goal of advancing health and wellness in the Northwest Territories and Yukon. For more details, visit [ichr.ca](http://ichr.ca).

### Goals of the Scholarship:

The NT-NEIHR Masters Scholarship is intended to support both full-time and part-time Indigenous students from the Northwest Territories or Yukon, who are interested in pursuing a master's degree in any field related to health and wellbeing. Students from various disciplines are encouraged to apply, and should explain how their field of study is related to the concept of community health and/or engagement in their application. Applicants will be assessed based on their commitment to community health and/or engagement, and how they embody the values of respect, relevance, responsibility and reciprocity<sup>1</sup>.

### Eligibility Requirements:

- Self-identify as Indigenous (*First Nations, Métis, or Inuit*)
- Be a masters student enrolled in a post-secondary institution
- Be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada
- Have not held an NT-NEIHR masters scholarship for more than 2 years prior to this application
- Submit a completed application and relevant supplemental documents prior to the deadline posted for the funding opportunity

Completed application forms should be sent as one PDF, to [kimberly.fairman@ichr.ca](mailto:kimberly.fairman@ichr.ca)

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<sup>1</sup> Kirkness, V. & Barnhardt, R. (1991). First Nations and Higher Education: The Four R's – Respect, Relevance, Reciprocity, Responsibility. *Journal of American Indian Education*, 30(3), 1-15.

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### Details of Application Pieces:

- Cover Letter:
  - Length: 2 pages, single spaced
  - Describe why you chose to pursue a master's degree, and how the field of your study is related to community health and/or engagement.
  - Include details of any previous experiences in professional, academic or extracurricular activities that have prepared you for the master's program.
- Detailed Final Report:
  - Length: 1 page, single spaced
  - A narrative report of how the scholarship has contributed to your studies will be due at the end of the funding year (i.e., August 31, 2023)
  - The report will be primarily used to help us improve the scholarship for future cycles, and may be included in future evaluations and reports. If you would like us to keep your responses out of the report, please let us know.
  - Some potential questions to address:
    - How did the funds contribute to your personal/professional and project's success?
    - In what ways did the scholarship help advance your understanding of health and wellbeing for Indigenous Northerners?
    - What are some of the key learnings and take-aways that you've had during your studies this year?
    - Are there additional supports that you feel may be missing in your student experience?

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| Application Checklist:   |                    |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Application form  |                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cover Letter  |                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Curriculum Vitae  |                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Acceptance letter/Confirmation of Enrollment from Academic Institution        |                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Detailed Final Report (due at the end of the funding year, i.e., August 2023) |                    |
| Applicant Details:   |                    |
| Name: _____  | Email: _____       |
| Address: _____   | City: _____        |
| Province/Territory: _____  | Postal Code: _____ |
| Home Phone: _____  | Work Phone: _____  |
| University (current or proposed): _____  |                    |
| Program of study (current or proposed): _____  |                    |
| Start date of program (m/y): _____ Expected end date of program (m/y): _____                           |                    |
| Supervisor name (if applicable): _____   |                    |
| Total number of months/years of graduate studies completed by Sept 2022: _____                         |                    |
| Other Funding:   |                    |
| Have you applied for other external funding? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  |                    |
| If <u>yes</u> , provide details of the funding below:  |                    |
| Name and amount  | Funding status     |
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By signing below, I (the grant applicant) agree that I meet all eligibility requirements and that all the information provided in this application is truthful. In the case of discrepancy, I understand that I may have to return the full sum of the grant to ICHR.

Applicant full name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Scholarship Application Rubric

|                               | <b>1 Point<br/>Beginning Stage</b>  | <b>2 Points<br/>Emerging Stage</b>  | <b>3 Points<br/>Meets Standards</b>   | <b>4 Points<br/>Exceeds Expectations</b>  |
|-------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| <b>Clarity of Application</b> | The applicant does not clearly describe why they chose to pursue their program of interest. It is not clear how the field of study is relevant to community health and/or engagement. | The applicant partly describes why they chose to pursue their program of interest. The field of study is somewhat relevant to community health and/or engagement. | The applicant clearly describes why they chose to pursue their program of interest. The field of study is adequately relevant to community health and/or engagement | The applicant provides strong and detailed information of why they chose to pursue their program of interest. The field of study is clearly relevant to community health and/or engagement. |
| <b>Applicant Capacity</b>     | The applicant demonstrates limited previous experience in professional, academic, or community-based activities and are not prepared to pursue this program.                          | The applicant demonstrates some previous experience in professional, academic, or community-based activities that have prepared them to pursue this program.      | The applicant demonstrates adequate experience in professional, academic, or community-based activities that have prepared them to pursue this program.             | The applicant demonstrates strong previous experience in professional, academic, or community-based activities that have prepared them to pursue this program.                              |
| <b>Score:</b>                 |   | <b>Notes/Comments:</b>  |   |   |
| <b>Clarity of Application</b> | <b>/4</b>   |   |   |   |
| <b>Applicant Capacity</b>     | <b>/4</b>   |   |   |   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                  | <b>/8</b>   |   |   |   |