



Faculty of Forestry Indigenous and Community Engagement Research Fund (ICERF)

Purpose

The Faculty of Forestry Indigenous and Community Engagement Research Fund (ICERF) provides funding for graduate students to **build** new partnerships with Indigenous communities and community organizations, and **fulfill** responsibilities relating to community-defined outcomes for existing partnerships and projects.

A total of \$20,000 is budgeted annually.

Description

The aim of this program is to continue to foster collaborations with Indigenous communities and provide support for community-engaged research more broadly. This funding program supports research that is aligned with the Faculty’s commitment to Indigenous Engagement, UBC’s Indigenous Strategic Plan and UBC’s commitment to community engaged research. Funding for this program will be allocated in two streams according to partnership type, with more resources available to support collaborative research with Indigenous communities:

	Collaborative research with Indigenous communities	Collaborative research with non-Indigenous community organizations
Number of awards/year	Up to three	Up to three
Amounts	Up to \$5,000 per project	Up to \$2,500 per project
Geographic/geopolitical context	Indigenous communities within and outside of Canada	Communities within and outside of Canada
Project length	Up to 12 months	Up to 12 months

Eligibility

- Open to UBC Faculty of Forestry graduate students in research-based programs who are pursuing research in collaboration with a community partner or partners.
- Proposed activities are relevant to natural resources management, forest products and services, and conservation in its myriad forms and locales

Evaluation criteria

The merit review of ICERF applications will be carried out by a 3-person adjudication committee of faculty members including the Associate Dean Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies as Chair.

Criteria	Description
Meaningfulness to the community	- Directly addresses a community-identified issue/opportunity or need
Benefits to the community	- Clearly articulates how the project will benefit the community (e.g. what specific outcomes will be achieved?) - Identifies approach for engaging with community in the planning, implementation and evaluation of project
Ethics and reciprocity	- Approach reflects best practices and ethical considerations in engaging with community partners - Clearly identifies plans for resource and knowledge sharing
Feasibility	- Detailed project timeline and activities - Appropriate budget (different types of collaborations and activities will justify different amounts of funding - the review committee may approve funding at the full ask or a lesser amount, as deemed appropriate)
Impact	- Clearly demonstrate how this award will enable impact over and above what the applicant may otherwise achieve with current funding and support.

Eligible expenses

Funding is intended to be flexible to support the collaborative and iterative nature of community-engaged research. The following are examples of eligible expenses:

- Travel costs incurred by faculty, students or community members to attend collaborative project design and implementation meetings
- Travel costs and conference fees for community members taking part in a collaborative conference presentation
- Compensation for a community member's time contributing to the research
- Honoraria or gifts for a community member's time
- Hospitality costs for community gatherings
- Facilities/space rental fees for meetings
- Costs for producing and distributing materials related to the dissemination of the research
- Contracted services that directly facilitate collaborative project design and implementation (members of the participating community are contracted to undertake the work)
- Casual student hours for specialized work directly related to the community collaboration (transcribing, mapping, sampling/analyzing, audio/video editing, etc.)

Ineligible

- Expenses associated with tangential or other research work not directly connected to project outcomes
- Conference fees and associated travel costs for faculty and students
- Costs not allowed by UBC policies

Application procedures

The application should include the following:

- A brief summary (2 pages maximum) that describes the project and how it meets the eligibility criteria
- A proposed budget outlining funds requested broken down into different expense categories (see guidelines above); total funds requested and a timeline for spending. Budget must be for future expenses.
- Letter of support from research supervisor(s)

Submissions: [ICERF Application Portal](#) | or copy and paste: https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bCwaHEyGJuJKpVk

**application portal is open on a year-round basis (submissions adjudicated after the close of each deadline call cycle – we do not offer pre-application review)*

Terms of support

Successful recipients will have up to 12 months to use their award. No later than 2 months after the project end date, each recipient will be required to complete a brief online questionnaire. Information from the questionnaire will be used to highlight research accomplishments and monitor progress and outcomes towards advancing Indigenous and community-engaged research in the Faculty of Forestry.

Application* deadlines | There are two (2) annual funding call deadlines.

First Call deadline: **Oct 15 (11:59 PM)** annually

Second Call deadline: **March 15 (11:59 PM)** annually | *eligible only if unused funds available from first call*

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Questions | Forestry Grad Awards (forestry.grad-awards@ubc.ca)