



Feast Centre for Indigenous STBBI Research
Centre du festin traditionnel de recherche autochtone sur les ITSS

Feast Centre REACH CANFAR Indigenous STBBI COVID-19 Research Award

Application FAQ Sheet

1. Can I apply even though I am currently a PhD candidate?

Yes.

2. How many people should be on the research team?

The number of team members on a team is not limited. It is up to the Principal Applicant to ensure all team members listed provide a 100-word biography highlighting research or professional experience.

3. Are there any requirements for research ethics that has to be included as part of the proposal?

Research Ethics does not have to be included in the proposal itself. Please include a description of your projects' ethical considerations that you will be taking into account during your research project.

4. Can the Memorandum of Understanding template that was provided be adapted and used as a way to outline a meaningful engagement strategy as well?

Yes. Using the template is not a requirement, but merely an example to guide how the research team can demonstrate a meaningful engagement strategy. The template is meant to guide how meaningful engagement with the Indigenous community is being enacted.

5. If I receive a score that I am happy with, can I opt-out of the iterative review process?

Yes. Applicants who receive a score of 3.25 or above will be given the option to opt-in or opt-out of the iterative review. Keep in mind, participating in this iterative review is an

opportunity to increase your score and make your application stronger, and more competitive for funding.

6. How long will I have to revise and resubmit my proposal should I be eligible for the iterative review?

Should your application be eligible for the iterative review process, you will be notified and given a time frame to resubmit by the Feast review committee.

7. How will the Feast Centre work to ensure there is no conflict of interest with the review committee when reviewing applications since this award is being directed towards the Feast Centre team itself?

As per direction given by CIHR, the Feast Center must transfer funds internally to Feast Centre team members rather than hold external competitions. As such, there is potential for conflict of interest that we are conscious of. The Feast Centre is presently developing a Conflict of Interest guideline that acknowledges Indigenous values of collaboration, collectivity and a commitment to wellbeing at the centre of our decision-making.

8. Are there any areas that are considered priority in terms of my budget proposal?

Applications will not be judged based on their budget proposals and justifications. However, if the review committee has any questions regarding the proposed allocation of funds, the Feast Centre will reach out for clarification. It is important that applicants outline where Feast Centre dollars will be spent and be able to provide justification.

9. In the context of COVID-19 and the inability to meet in person, can there be leeway in allocating funds for the provision of internet/technology if required by researchers or research participants?

Funds from this award can be allocated to telephone, internet, computers, if these are required by researchers or research participants as long as these funds are not used to subsidize costs normally incurred by the institution.

10. Will there be a reporting requirement to outline how money was spent?

Yes. A financial statement will be required to outline how money was spent.