

The Feast Centre REACH Indigenous Research Development Grants 2023

Frequently Asked Questions

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

Yes.

2. How many people should ideally 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 supply a 100-word biography highlighting research or professional experience.

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

Research Ethics doesn't have to be included in the research proposal. Please include a description of your research projects' ethical considerations.

4. If my research proposal is not chosen for funding, will I have the chance to update my proposal to address the concerns of the review committee?

Yes. The Research Development Grant review committee will provide applicants with the opportunity to engage in an iterative review process for a second round of reviews. This will provide applicants with the opportunity to respond to noted concerns of the review committee and supply further information that will strengthen their research proposal. Research proposals will be reassessed for funding after the second round. If applications are not funded for this year, we encourage research teams to apply for future funding opportunities with the Feast Centre.

5. Can the Memorandum of Understanding template available on the Feast Centre website be adapted and used to outline a meaningful engagement strategy?

Yes. Using the template is not a requirement and is provided as an example to guide how the research team can show a meaningful engagement strategy with First Nations, Inuit or Métis community is being enacted.

6. How long will I have to revise and resubmit my proposal in the iterative review process?

Applications submitted in time for the iterative review deadline will be returned to applicants within two weeks to resubmit to the Feast Centre review committee for the final deadline.

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 the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the Feast Center must transfer funds internally to Feast Centre team members rather than hold external competitions. As such, we are conscious of the potential for a conflict of interest. The Feast

Centre has developed 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 could be considered a priority in terms of my budget proposal? Applications will not be judged based on their budget proposals and justifications. If the review committee has questions about the proposed allocation of funds, the Feast Centre will ask the applicant for clarification. It is important that applicants outline where grant funding will be spent and supply justification.

9. Will there be a reporting requirement to outline how the grant money was spent? Yes. A financial statement is required at the end of the funding period which outlines how grant money was spent along with a roll-up report from the research team discussing the outcomes and challenges of the research project.

10. My question isn't answered here. Is there any support for applicants available from the Feast Centre? Yes, there are supporting guides and templates available on the Feast Centre Resources page: <https://feastcentre.mcmaster.ca/resources>. Applicants are also encouraged to reach out to Feast Centre team members for support as they develop their research proposals. If you would like more information or support, please contact the Feast Centre Research Coordinator: <https://feastcentre.mcmaster.ca/research-training-opportunities>.