

Global Affairs Leadership Initiative: Indigenous and Northern Relationships Development Fund

Introduction to UArctic

<u>University of the Arctic (UArctic)</u> is a network of universities, colleges, research institutes, and other organizations concerned with education and research in and about the North.



Funding Details

This project is a partnership between the <u>University of the Arctic (UArctic)</u>, <u>Yukon University</u>, and <u>Memorial University</u>. The project is funded through <u>Global Affairs Canada</u>. This fund was created to help researchers at all UArctic member institutions – in the North and South – establish new relationships with northern or Indigenous partners, or strengthen existing ones, while ensuring that the academic research and engagement projects meet the needs of the people and the regions where the research takes place.

Memorial University's <u>Policy on Research Impacting Indigenous Groups</u> is the main guiding document. The project applications to this fund must be focused on relationship building. The researchers and their partners are encouraged to explore a range of collaboration and research activities. Still, they are under no obligation to proceed with some form of research or maintain a working relationship if either side determines that for, whatever reason, the partnership on any future projects is not suitable.

Who can apply?

Northern Canadian UArctic member institutions, other Canadian members, and other UArctic member institutions can apply for this collaborative research and education initiative. The lead applicant must come from a Canadian UArctic member institution.

Amount of Funding/Project Timeline

Projects may be funded with a maximum total of \$15,000 over one year. Funding cannot be applied retroactively for activities already carried out.

Project Details

- 1. The application has to establish how activities will strengthen existing or build new relationships between researchers based at institutions and Northern and Indigenous people and communities that may lead to new research and learning opportunities.
- 2. The applications must have a local Indigenous and/or community partner supporting this initial and exploratory engagement that may result in future research or other kinds of projects. That support must be provided clearly, either through a letter of support for the application, or some other appropriate indication of willingness to engage with the academic researchers in establishing and building a working relationship (for example, correspondence, or an email exchange).
- 3. The application has to demonstrate how activities will strengthen relationships among UArctic members.
- 4. The applicants must outline how they are going to share their experience with other UArctic members to help them understand the role of Indigenous and Northern communities as equal partners in the research development and co-creation process.

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