



NETWORK FOR
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RESEARCH

NAMHR Small Research Awards

IMPORTANT DATES

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| Competition Cycle: | 2011-2012 |
| Application Deadline: | April 30, 2011 |
| Application Notice of Decision: | July 1, 2011 |
| Funding Start Date: | September 1, 2011 |

Background

The Network for Aboriginal Mental Health Research (NAMHR) is committed to facilitating research and knowledge exchange among community workers, practitioners, healthcare/service providers and researchers in the area of Aboriginal mental health. In its efforts to support new exploratory programs of research in all areas bearing on the mental health and wellbeing of Canada's First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities NAMHR is offering a Small Research Awards Program.

NAMHR will accept applications from university-based investigators or Aboriginal community organizations for grants of up to \$5,000 in the following categories:

1. Seed Funding to facilitate the initiation of innovative research efforts and knowledge exchange that would then compete for larger-scale support from one of Canada's national or provincial funding agencies.

Deliverable: an application for a larger grant to undertake the project, or other clear plan for subsequent funding.

2. Knowledge Translation activities that make the findings of research activities available and accessible to the appropriate audience.

Deliverable: a concrete message in a medium that is meaningful to the research users.

3. Research Allowance to enable student researchers who are or have been the recipients of a scholarship from NAMHR to undertake research activities necessary to complete their studies. Research Allowances do not automatically accompany the receipt of NAMHR scholarships. Scholarship applicants requesting a Research

Allowance must also complete a second application to NAMHR's Research Awards Program for additional Research Allowance support.

Deliverable: receipts required for reimbursement of legitimate expenses.

The excellence of the proposal and community relevance will be criteria in the selection process. NAMHR Investigators are available to help with the preparation of proposals. Where applicable, funds will not be released until approval from an appropriate Research Ethics Board (REB) has been obtained.

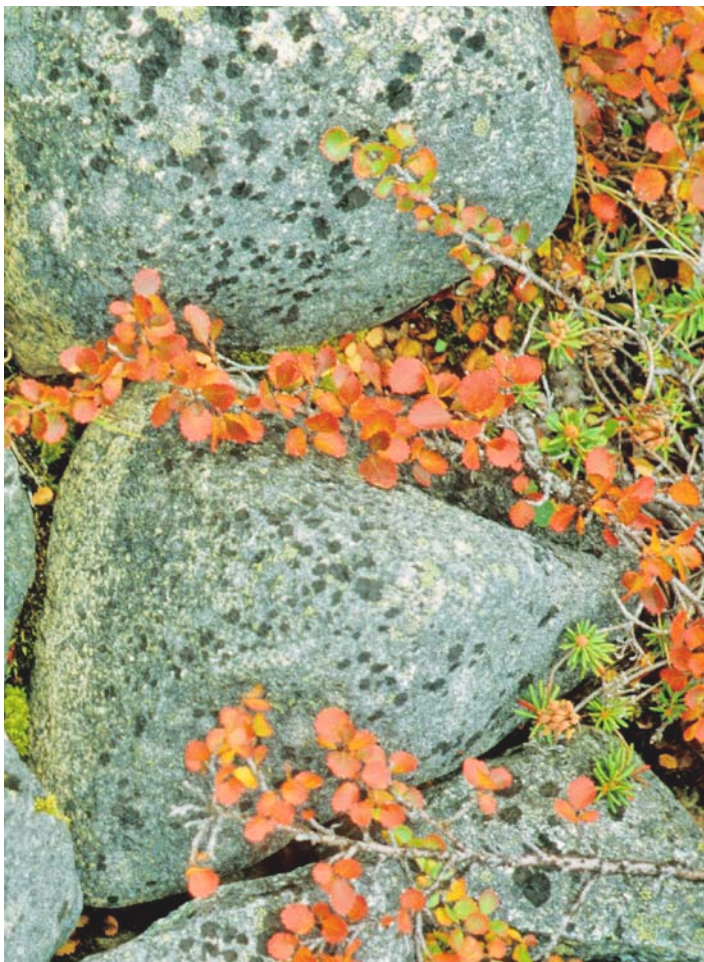
Application Procedure

The proposal should be submitted electronically as an e-mail attachment to colette.isaac@mail.mcgill.ca.

The application should include:

1. A cover sheet clearly stating:
 - application category (ie. Seed Funding, Knowledge Translation, Research Allowance)
 - title of the proposal
 - applicant name and complete contact information
 - name of community partner and complete contact information
2. An abstract of 100 words summarizing the proposed research.
3. A proposal including project objectives, rationale, methodology, ethical issues, data analysis and plans for knowledge translation. (Maximum length 2 double-spaced pages excluding references, figures, etc.)
4. Status of REB review process.
5. Brief Curriculum Vitae for the principal applicant and co-applicants (maximum two pages per applicant).
6. A statement from either:
 - a) the applicant's university college or similar institution supporting the application; *or*
 - b) the applicant's community organization specifying how the funds will be administered.

7. The specific amount requested, including an itemized budget and budget justification. The grant cannot be used to fund travel to attend conventions, conferences, or workshops. If NAMHR funding will only cover part of the research costs, indicate institutional, personal, or other sources of support sought or obtained
8. Five keywords describing the research.



Allowable Costs

Applicants should review the Tri-Agency (CIHR, NSERC and SSHRC) financial administration guidelines Use of Grant Funds for a complete listing and description of allowable costs and activities. Application must provide a detailed justification of all costs.

Conditions of Funding

All conditions specified in CIHR General Grants and Awards shall apply: <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/22632.html>

NAMHR, as a CIHR entity, is subject to the Access to Information Act and the Privacy Act. While respecting the application of the Privacy Act to federal entities, all signing parties involved in a collaborative agreement will also be bound by the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA).

Proposals should follow the CIHR Guidelines for Health Research Involving Aboriginal People:

<http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/29134.html>

Communication Requirements

Grant recipients are required to acknowledge NAMHR in any communication or publication related to the project.

Performance Measurement

NAMHR, along with CIHR, is committed to demonstrating results to Canadians for the money invested in health research. As a result, funding recipients must contribute to the monitoring, review and evaluation of CIHR's programs, policies and processes as required.

Review Process and Evaluation

All proposals will be reviewed by the NAMHR review committee. Where appropriate, outside experts in mental health research and in research with Aboriginal communities may also be included in this review process. The merit review will be based in large part on the process used for peer review as described in the CIHR Peer Review Process.

Contact Information

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