

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' HEALTH RESEARCH CENTRE (IPHRC) STATUS REPORT

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Mission: IPHRC is a partnership between the University of Regina, University of Saskatchewan and the First Nations University of Canada. Its mission is to recognize, mobilize and develop the capacity of Indigenous researchers, Indigenous communities and Indigenous institutions in health research.

Goals and objectives of the centre:

- Supporting traditional health knowledge and ways of knowing
- Respecting individual and community information
- Creating new knowledge and understanding of Indigenous peoples' health
- Contributing to health public policy and planning
- Informing public policy process at all levels of government
- Incorporating Indigenous health perspective into the education of health and human service professionals and being a resource for public debate on indigenous peoples health
- Encouraging the assertion of Indigenous knowledge and perspectives

Types of activities undertaken to achieve mandate: IPHRC researchers are leaders in Indigenous health research in Saskatchewan. Our centre supports the development of capacity in Indigenous health research in Saskatchewan by distributing funding to researchers, communities, and students.

a) Community Support:

1. Community Research Grants (\$20,000)

Non-renewable grants up to \$20,000 for finite projects.

2. Partnership Network Developmental Grants (\$10,000)

A seed grant that can be used to connect researchers with communities to develop research partnerships and ultimately pursue tri-council or other research funding.

These peer-reviewed funding competitions are open to health researchers from Saskatchewan universities in partnership with Indigenous communities or organizations. Community projects must demonstrate both scientific excellence and relevance to Indigenous community health priorities. We fund research that is

community-based and interdisciplinary with a knowledge translation component and the potential to inform policy.

To be eligible for IPHRC funding, research projects must align with one of IPHRC's four research areas:

- Chronic Disease
- Ethics and Research Governance
- Health Services and Culturally Safe Care
- Mental Health and Addictions

b) Student Support:

1. Undergraduate Summer Student Research Awards (\$5,400)
Undergraduate funding for students who are assisting faculty and researchers on projects (\$1800 x 3 months).
2. Graduate Fellowships (\$17,850 for Master's level and \$21,000+ for PhD)
Funding amounts increase for licensed health professionals.
3. Postdoctoral Fellow (\$41,000)

Students must be engaged in research involving Indigenous peoples' health. Preference is given to Aboriginal students and to students enrolled in Saskatchewan universities. We also support our students by providing them with numerous mentoring sessions and research colloquia.

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