Michael Smith Health Research BC

2027 Mobilize Award

Administrative Review Criteria

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Applications will undergo Administrative Review as described in the competition guidelines. Elements in purple text below will be specifically considered by the Indigenous Cultural Safety review panel.

Eligibility
Teams include at least one research user, one researcher and one trainee.
The proposed project aligns with the competition purpose and objectives: • The project must be a knowledge mobilization (KM) activity* (i.e. align with the Canadian Institute of Health Research's definitions of KM practice) • The project focuses on a health-related gap, challenge or opportunity • The project must be collaborative in nature *KM practice includes Indigenous-led health and wellness work including but not limited to policy work, creative/curatorial work based on research activities, community resource documents, community development work, curriculum development for community/organizations, and Indigenous language curriculum/dictionaries/grammars for communities
Team positioning and function
The Primary Applicant has a reasonable connection to the KM activities.
The Co-lead has a reasonable connection to the KM activities.
The Primary Applicant and Co-lead have a feasible plan to work together to collaboratively plan and implement the KM activities in a way that meaningfully engages each individual. If the KM activities use community-based or community-led approaches, or they are being undertaken in partnership with Indigenous Peoples, Nations, communities, or organizations, then either the Primary Applicant or Co-lead must have experience/training in community-based/community-led methods or they must have a mentor who will support them to ensure the safety of the community. If the KM activities are being undertaken in partnership with Indigenous Peoples, Nations, communities or organizations, the application must: • describe the relationships, responsibilities, and connections that ground the team's involvement with the relevant Indigenous Nation, community, organization, territory, or cultural context; and/or • describe how the team is accountable to and/or how the team will work in relationship and share the knowledge with the community and the knowledge being shared (as applicable).
The proposal identifies three KM skills that the trainee will develop, as appropriate for the trainee's career stage* *More advanced trainees should have opportunities to develop leadership skills.
Feasibility of the KM activities

There are descriptions of:

- format/ structure of the KM activities (i.e. type of event or activities)
    - If the KM activities involve Indigenous Peoples, equity-deserving groups, or other communities, the application must describe how their priorities, knowledge, and strengths will inform this work.
- the community/participants who will take part in the KM activities (if applicable)
- venue or platform for the KM activities (e.g. meeting space or virtual)
- timeline
    - Completable within 12 months
    - Includes milestones (if the KM activities use community-based or community-led approaches or if they are being undertaken in partnership with Indigenous Peoples, Nations, communities, or organizations, a description of how progress will be assessed during the term of the award may be substituted for milestones.)
- identifies intended near- and long-term impacts of the KM activities

If the KM activities use community-based or community-led approaches, or the KM activities are being undertaken in partnership with Indigenous Peoples, Nations, communities, or organizations:

- the application indicates how the team will work with the community in ways that support shared leadership, reciprocity, and accountability to address the identified gap, opportunity or challenge
- If the KM activities are being undertaken in partnership with Indigenous peoples, Nations, communities or organizations, then the application describes:
    - the nature of relationships with Elders, Knowledge Keepers, language speakers, community leaders, youth, families or others identified by the community (as appropriate to the work)
    - how the relationships inform the proposed KM activities, and
    - how responsibilities for knowledge sharing and decision-making will be held.

    OR
    - If relationships with appropriate Indigenous community or cultural knowledge holders have not yet been established, the application explains how applicants will respectfully seek guidance about the appropriate protocols, relationships, and processes for engaging with the community.

The budget: (a) aligns with the KM activity plan; (b) is feasible; and (c) adheres to the allowable expenses.

Ethics, equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI), and cultural safety considerations

Applicants must agree that governance and management of data that arises from this work will comply with applicable community/organizational ethical guidelines, including the principles of OCAP®, the Principles of Ethical Métis Research including OCAS, the National Inuit Strategy on Research AND/OR any research agreements or community approvals in place or under development.

If the KM activities are being undertaken in partnership with Indigenous Peoples, Nations, communities or organizations, the application must describe how Indigenous data sovereignty and knowledge governance will guide the KM activities, including the use of OCAP© or other framework, protocols or governance approaches identified as appropriate by the community.

Applicants must confirm that their KM activities comply with the ethical and research policies outlined in Chapter 9: Research Involving the First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples of Canada of the Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans (2022).

Applicants must agree to support EDI and accessibility considerations as appropriate for the community and context of the work.

If the KM activities use community-based or community-led approaches, or they are being undertaken in partnership with Indigenous Peoples, Nations, communities, or organizations, the application indicates how the team will identify EDI and accessibility considerations needed for the participants and the context of their work.