2024 INDIGENOUS SRC DISTINCTION FUND COMPETITION OVERVIEW

Funding Amount	One award of a maximum of $25,000 for up to two years. This funding opportunity will be offered biennially.
Purpose	The 2024 Indigenous SRC Distinction Fund provides internal funds in support of Indigenous faculty members' SRC activities. Preference will be given to a project which has Indigenous community or research partnership(s) and/or addresses issues of significance to Indigenous peoples in an urban context and/or is working with Indigenous undergraduate and/or graduate student(s).
Application Deadline	Monday, November 27, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. (noon) EST. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.
Eligible	Indigenous tenured or tenure-track professors across all faculties are eligible to apply.
Not Eligible	You are not eligible to apply to this competition if you have any internal or external funding for an SRC project that is or may be related to your proposal.
Review Process	The 2024 Indigenous SRC Distinction Fund Review Committee will assess the submitted applications and recommend a ranked list to the Vice-President, Research and Innovation (VPRI) for final approval and dissemination of funds.
How to Apply	Download and complete the Application Package. Submission for funding grants is online via the university's Research Information System (RIS). Please see the Application Guidelines below for full details.
Information Session	Thursday, November 2, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. EDT. This session will review the application process and requirements. Sign up for the information session to receive the Zoom link.
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2024 INDIGENOUS SRC DISTINCTION FUND COMPETITION APPLICATION GUIDELINES

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Monday, November 27, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. (noon) EST.

FUNDING AVAILABLE

This funding opportunity will be offered once every two years. The maximum amount of funding that will be granted for this fund is one award of $25,000 for up to two years.

You will not be penalized if your budget request is less than the maximum amount.

DESCRIPTION

The Office of the Vice-President, Research and Innovation (OVPRI) is committed to the university's collective advancement and support of Indigenous scholarship as outlined both in the Community Consultation Summary Report (2018) and more recently in the Next Chapter action plan. To that end, the OVPRI has established a funding opportunity to recognize and support Indigenous faculty members' leading SRC excellence.

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Foundational to SRC activity at the university are the principles of equity, diversity, inclusion and access (EDIA). Together, these principles underscore our commitment to and expression of social justice and are essential to our integrated approach to SRC activity as they cross-cut the university's strategic SRC themes and objectives and contribute to inclusive excellence.

As outlined in the Tri-Agency statement on equity, diversity and inclusion, we are "acting on the evidence that achieving a more equitable, diverse and inclusive Canadian research enterprise is essential to creating the excellent, innovative and impactful research necessary to advance knowledge and understanding and respond to local, national and global challenges."

Learn more about equity, diversity, inclusion and access at TMU.

ELIGIBILITY

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Indigenous tenured or tenure-track professors with a new SRC project are eligible to apply for this funding opportunity.

*Emerging Researcher/Scholar: An emerging researcher/scholar is someone who has not yet had the opportunity to establish an extensive record of SRC achievements but is in the process of building one. To identify themselves as an emerging scholar, the applicant must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Have completed their highest terminal degree no more than seven years before the competition deadline (TMU considers only the date of completion of the first terminal degree) AND/OR
- Have held a tenured or tenure track academic appointment for less than seven years total at any institution.

The emerging researcher/scholar window can be adjusted for all eligible leaves (for example, maternity, parental, personal illness, leave taken by applicants for family-related illness, bereavement). Professional leaves (e.g. training, sabbatical, administrative) are not credited.

NOT ELIGIBLE
You are not eligible to apply for this competition if you have any internal or external funding for any SRC project that is or may be related to your proposal.

ETHICS APPROVAL

Toronto Metropolitan University (TMU) research is governed by policies and practices that ensure the protection of research participants, researchers (faculty, students and staff members), the university and the public. These policies and practices cover research involving humans, the use of animals, controlled goods and hazardous materials, among others.

All funded or unfunded research involving humans, animals or controlled goods undertaken at the university's facilities and conducted by university faculty, students and staff is subject to university review and approval prior to the disbursement of any funds.

For more information, please visit the [TMU research ethics website](#).

TERM OF AWARD

Indigenous SRC Distinction Funds will be awarded for a period of two years. Projects must commence within three months of the award of funding.

Extensions may be permitted under extraordinary circumstances up to a maximum of one year. Unused funds at the end of the grant period will be automatically returned to the OVPRI.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Recipients of the Indigenous SRC Distinction Fund are asked to acknowledge the university in the dissemination of research results. The following wording is suggested:
"*This research has been supported by Toronto Metropolitan University's Indigenous SRC Distinction Fund.*"

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Recipients of the Indigenous SRC Distinction Fund are required to submit a written report within three months of completion of the project or two years after the release of funds, whichever comes first.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Please download and complete the Application Package to complete your application. This fillable PDF form consists of the following sections:

    a. **Cover Page** (maximum 1 page)

    b. **Proposal**
       i. **Project Description** (maximum 3 pages)
          Applications should describe the research/project in enough detail to allow informed assessment by the 2024 Indigenous SRC Distinction Fund Review Committee members. Since not all Committee members will have an intimate knowledge of the subject matter of all proposals, the proposal must avoid jargon and highly technical content.

          The project description must include:
          1. **Objectives** - The specific nature of the SRC activity to be funded. As preference will be given to a project which has Indigenous community or research partnership(s) and/or addresses issues of significance to Indigenous peoples in an urban context and/or is working with Indigenous undergraduate and/or graduate student(s), please ensure that the project description addresses these preferences, if applicable.
          2. **Context** - A brief literature review to situate the project, its relevance and its potential contributions.
          3. **Methodology*** - The methodology or theoretical approach to be employed, analysis strategies and data sovereignty considerations.
          4. **Timeline** - The time period within which the work will be undertaken.

       ii. **Knowledge Mobilization and Anticipated Outcomes** (maximum 1 page)
           There should be a clear indication of the expected outcome(s) of the proposed SRC activity (e.g., publications, presentations, student training, preliminary stage of a large project, community engagement initiatives/outreach, etc.), including where appropriate, how the proposed SRC activity will prepare the applicant for future externally funded applications.

       iii. **List of References** (maximum 1 page)

    c. **Budget and Budget Justification** (maximum 1 page)
       An itemized budget explaining the relationship of the funds requested to the SRC activity proposed.

       Note on eligible expenses: Funds can be used only for research-related costs, including costs related to Indigenous community or research partnership(s) and those that conform to the university's guidelines regarding pay and benefit rates and

allowable expenses. Please refer to the [financial services website](#) for guidance.

2. **Updated Common CV (CCV)**
   Please submit your updated CCV. If you cannot provide a CV in CCV format, please submit your updated OCGS CV. See "Curriculum Vitae (CV) in the OCGS Format" on the [Faculty Affairs website](#).

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Log in to the university [Research Information System (RIS)](#):
1. Under "Grant Authorization Form (GAF)," select "New GAF."
2. Select "Internal OVPRI Programs."
3. From the Internal Program drop-down list, select "2024 Indigenous SRC Distinction Fund."
   Note: If you select the wrong program, your application will not be considered.
4. Check your appointment status. Only TFAs are eligible to apply.
5. Upload the following application documents as two separate PDF documents:
   a. Updated Common CV (or OCGS CV) (1 document).
   b. Completed Application Package (1 PDF document).
6. When the application is ready to submit, click the "Submit for Approval" button before the deadline.

The completed application must be submitted by 12:00 p.m. (noon) EST on Monday, November 27, 2023. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

REVIEW PROCEDURES AND SELECTION CRITERIA

Committee Structure

The 2024 Indigenous SRC Distinction Fund Review Committee will consist of one representative from each of the faculties, one Indigenous staff member and one Indigenous undergraduate/graduate student, and includes the Associate Vice-President, Research and Innovation as an ex-officio member. The Committee will be chaired by one TFA member selected by a majority of the Committee.

The Committee will be composed of Indigenous reviewers and, as needed, non-Indigenous reviewers who have experience and expertise in Indigenous research and, preferably, Indigenous community research experience.

The recommended ranked list is forwarded to the VPRI for final approval and dissemination of funds. Reviewers' comments will be shared anonymously with the applicants after the results have been announced.

Preparation for Review

The Review Committee will be guided by:
- SSHRC Guidelines for the Merit Review of Indigenous Research;
- Chapter 9 of the TCPS2: Research Involving First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples of Canada

Selection Criteria

Applications will be reviewed using the following criteria:

Criterion	*Emerging Scholar Scoring	Established Scholar Scoring
Feasibility and challenge	45%	35%
Contribution to HQP training and development	20%	30%
Knowledge mobilization	35%	35%
Total	**100**	**100**

Communication of Results

Applicants will be informed of the competition results via email by mid-February 2024. Reviewers' comments will be shared anonymously with applicants after the results have been announced.