



## **UAKN Atlantic 2017 GENERAL Call For Proposals**

### **UAKN Background**

In 2012, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) awarded Professor David Newhouse at Trent University, a Partnership Grant in the amount of \$2.5 million dollars over a five-year period from 2012 – 2017. This grant has now been extended until March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. The title of the Partnership Grant is “Research For A Better Life” and the goal of the grant is to establish an Urban Aboriginal Knowledge Network (UAKN). The UAKN consists of a Secretariat in Ottawa and four research centres located across Canada. These research centres fund community-driven research designed to deepen our collective understanding of the needs and aspirations of urban Aboriginal peoples and their communities. The research centre serving Atlantic Canada is housed at UNB Fredericton in the Faculty of Education and is called the UAKN Atlantic.

### **UAKN Atlantic**

As a member of this evolving research network, the UAKN Atlantic will contribute to a better quality of life for Aboriginal peoples living in cities, towns and rural areas by:

- Funding high-quality, policy-relevant, community-driven research undertaken by research teams that include urban Aboriginal community members, community researchers, elders, academics, students and government department(s)/agency(s);
- Engaging government, academe and urban Aboriginal community members in an ongoing dialogue on policy priorities and research needs; and by
- Funding Students and Community Researchers

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The UAKN Atlantic is launching its final call for proposals for urban Aboriginal, community-driven research focused on the following four themes:

- **Human Development:** needs and outcomes of individuals and families;
- **Social Cohesion:** community well-being, education, justice;
- **Economic Development:** economic participation, employment, entrepreneurship, income;
- **Civic Engagement:** urban Aboriginal councils and/or urban Aboriginal community organizations role in the city and with other local organizations.

## Funding

The UAKN Atlantic offers two potential funding envelopes: \$5,000 and \$15,000.

## Application Details

Research proposals must contain the following information:

- 1) Proposed topic or title.
- 2) Body of research proposal (5 pg. max., 12 font size, 1" margins). The proposal should identify a community-driven research question, the rationale for addressing it, relevant background literature, methods including TCPS2 compliance, timeline, plans for dissemination, and budget.
- 3) In addition, please consider the following merit criteria in your submission:
  - a. Does the research team include: urban Aboriginal community member, a community researcher, an academic co-applicant, elder, emerging Aboriginal scholar/students, as well as a government department/agency representative?
  - b. Does the project outline state how the urban Aboriginal community member, such as a Friendship Centre or Native Council, will be involved in all aspects of the research project?

- c. Are other community partners identified? If so, please demonstrate partnership and provide a letter of support from each community partner.
  - d. Will the project use community-based participatory action research methods or another methodology?
  - e. Does the research theme reflect one of the identified UAKN research themes? If not, please explain the importance of your research theme.
  - f. How will the research contribute to urban Aboriginal policy, community development and well-being, as well as scholarly knowledge?
  - g. Regarding dissemination, have you identified the intended audience for your research findings (e.g. urban Aboriginal peoples, academics, researchers, general public, government, other, etc.).
  - h. Does the research project align with the UAKN Guiding Ethical Principles (Appendix A or <http://uakn.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/UAKN-Guiding-Ethical-Principles-Feb-2013.pdf>) ?
  - i. Does the proposal clearly articulate how it will adhere to CIHR TCPS-2 (Chapter 9) guidelines? Does the proposal include a research agreement grounded in the TCPS-2 guidelines? (<http://www.pre.ethics.gc.ca/eng/policy-politique/initiatives/tcps2-epc2/chapter9-chapitre9/>)
  - j. If successful, will the team also include a community-based researcher(s) and a student researcher(s)? Will the project include the training of new scholars? How will the new scholars be involved, mentored, or trained?  
*Note: The participation of Aboriginal students is considered an asset and this aspect will be weighted heavily.*
- 4) Primary researcher/co-applicant's full name(s), professional title, full contact information, and a short C.V (4 – 6 pgs. max.).
  - 5) Provide a brief overview of how the partner's background and experience will contribute to the research (one or two paragraphs). Provide information for each partner cited on the grant applications, as well as the aforementioned letter of support from each partner.
  - 6) A strong application will show the applicants' ability to leverage other funds and/or have funds already committed.

## **General Information**

### Team Context

Teams are central to research supported by the UAKN Atlantic. Research teams are to be comprised of urban Aboriginal community groups/members, an elder, a community-based researcher, an emerging Aboriginal Scholar, an academic, and a government(s)/agency(s) representative(s). The students/emerging scholars and community-based researchers may be identified after a grant is awarded.

### Community-driven Research

In their capacity as full members of the research team, elders and urban Aboriginal community members (as represented by Friendship Centres, Native Councils and other urban Aboriginal organizations) will play a central role in identifying the research themes and or questions.

### Research Themes

Respecting the community-based participatory action research process, and recognizing the need for community-driven research, themes in addition to the four promoted by the UAKN will be considered.

### Eligibility

SSHRC stipulates that CFP funds can only be released to Principal Investigators who are currently co-applicants on the SSHRC Partnership Grant. Academics who are not on the SSHRC Partnership Grant are encouraged to apply. If your application is successful, you will be added as a co-applicant, to the “Research For A Better Life” SSHRC Partnership Grant.

### Budgets and Allowable Expenses

Allowable expenses and information on student stipends as determined by SSHRC are set out in Appendix B: “*UAKN Atlantic CFP SSHRC Allowable Expenses*”. Additional information regarding allowable expenses can be found at: [http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Professors-Professeurs/FinancialAdminGuide-GuideAdminFinancier/index\\_eng.asp](http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Professors-Professeurs/FinancialAdminGuide-GuideAdminFinancier/index_eng.asp)

The Executive Committee reserves the right to modify proposed budgets.

## Project Deliverables

Projects are expected to provide a written report eight to twelve pages in length, plus a bibliography. Tables, graphs and figures are to be included as appendices. Reports and other complementary end products will be linked to the UAKN website ([www.uakn.org](http://www.uakn.org)). Researchers are encouraged to present findings at designated regional and/or national UAKN conferences, symposia and so on. Additionally, a summary statement of the research will be required to use in press releases and for posting on the UAKN website. Other methods of reporting that align with a community-based participatory research processes may be required.

## Ethics

If successful, each research proposal will require the approval of their respective indigenous research ethics board (REB) and/or a university research ethics board before SSHRC funds can be awarded. Please contact the UAKN Atlantic for information on urban Aboriginal organizations offering a REB service.

## Adjudication

Research proposals will undergo an adjudication process led by the UAKN Atlantic Executive Adjudication Committee and, if required, will involve additional, qualified readers. The adjudication process will entail an assessment of the candidates' research proposal based on the aim, importance and concordance with the UAKN's research themes. Project feasibility, the team's capacity to carry out the research, and disseminate the findings, will also be considered. Please note the Research Team and TCPS-2 requirements must be addressed.

## Submission Details

**\*\*\* The application deadline for this final CFP is June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Applications will be adjudicated early July.**

**Please note, research projects must have REB approval and be completed, in their entirety, by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017.**

Applicants are encouraged to contact Dr. Verlé Harrop, Director, UAKN Atlantic and confirm that their proposal meets the UAKN Atlantic CFP criteria.

Please email your submission to Dr. Verlé Harrop, Director UAKN Atlantic

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