

The UNBC Office of Indigenous Initiatives

Indigenous Research Fund (IRF)

Purpose

The goal of the Indigenous Research Fund (IRF) is to support and uplift Indigenous researchers and Indigenous research at UNBC. This is achieved by providing funding to student researchers who are Indigenous, or who are conducting research in collaboration with Indigenous communities. This fund is intended to provide funding for travel to conferences and professional development; however other requests may be considered if they align with the purpose. This fund is designed to be low barrier, ensuring students are not subject to undue hardship when applying for or receiving support. While the fund aims to be accessible, the Office of Indigenous Initiatives and the Indigenous Research Navigator (IRN) require basic information to justify expenditures. If you would like to apply to funding, please read the guidelines, then complete the [IRF Microsoft form](#).

Guidelines

The IRF primarily supports Indigenous students for travel to conferences and participation in professional development opportunities. Non-Indigenous students may also apply; funding for such requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis, provided the proposed activities align with the purpose of the IRF. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year and reviewed at the end of each month. Students can receive funding once per academic year. Please note that funding will not be provided for activities or travel that occurred before the application was submitted.

Priority for funding will be given in the following order:

1. Indigenous students conducting research (graduate students or honours thesis students)
2. Non-indigenous students conducting research with Indigenous collective partners

Funding amount will be determined by need; and receipts may be required. The following funding limits are in place to ensure equitable distribution:

- Funding for Travel – up to \$1500
- Funding for Professional Development – up to \$1000

Please contact the IRN (oii.irn@unbc.ca) with any questions of concerns.