



Lakehead
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Office of
**Aboriginal
Initiatives**

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
INDIGENOUS PARTNERSHIP RESEARCH AWARD 2020**

Lakehead University holds an annual Research and Innovation Week. This year's event will take place from Friday, February 28 through Thursday, March 5, 2020.

The Office of Aboriginal Initiatives would like to celebrate the partnerships between Lakehead University researchers and Indigenous communities and organizations by offering an annual award for Indigenous Partnership Research. In the past, research has often been on Indigenous people(s), rather than with Indigenous people(s). Lakehead University believes that research partnerships that benefit both the researcher(s) and the Indigenous community are most likely to lead to more productive relationships with, and improved conditions for, Indigenous communities.

The Lakehead University Indigenous Partnership Research Award will be jointly awarded to a Lakehead University researcher or research team and a representative from their Indigenous partner(s), be it an individual, community or organization. The award consists of framed certificate and a \$500 cheque, one for researchers and one for the Indigenous partner.

The award will be determined by a committee under the auspices of the Office of Aboriginal Initiatives and the Ogimaawin Aboriginal Governance Council (O-AGC). Members will include the Vice-Provost Aboriginal Initiatives (or designate), the Vice-President Research and Innovation (or designate), an OAGC representative, an Indigenous student and an Indigenous faculty member.

Eligibility

- A research project underway or completed in which a researcher or research team and an Indigenous person, community(ies) or organization(s), through a collaborative process, have demonstrated an improvement in the state of knowledge of the research community and improved conditions for Indigenous people.
- If the nominee is an individual researcher they must be a Lakehead University faculty member; if the nominee is a research team, then at least one member of the team must be a Lakehead University faculty member who has demonstrated an outstanding contribution to the research project.

Nomination Procedure

The attached nomination form must be completed, accompanied by letters from: 1) the nominator stating why the research project has been nominated, highlighting the positive outcomes of the research partnership; 2) the researcher or a Lakehead representative of the

research team who is a part of the project describing the outcomes of the research partnership; 3) from the Indigenous partner describing the benefits of the research project; and 4) at least one additional letter of reference from 2 individuals or groups knowledgeable about the research project, explaining why they support the nomination. Self-nominations are welcomed.

Deadline & Award Dates

Nomination and supporting letters must be received no later than January 31, 2020. Announcement of the award will be made during Research and Innovation week. The award winners will be invited to make a public presentation about the project during Research and Innovation week.

Selection Criteria

Consideration will be given to research projects, which demonstrate:

- A key role for Indigenous individual/community/organization input into the research;
- Mutually beneficial outcomes for researcher(s) and Indigenous partner(s);
- A contribution to the education of Indigenous students; and
- Unique dissemination of research results that take into account individual/community needs.

For further information about the award itself, please contact:

Ms. Denise Baxter, Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives)
Tel: 807-766-7177
Email: vp.ai@lakeheadu.ca

Please submit nomination form, nomination letters and supporting letters to:

Administrative Assistant
Office of Aboriginal Initiatives
Tel: 807-766-7219
Fax: 807-343-8679
Email: admin.ai@lakeheadu.ca

INDIGENOUS PARTNERSHIP RESEARCH AWARD NOMINATION FORM

PART I: NOMINEE INFORMATION

Please provide the names of two contact people, one for the researcher/research team and the other for the Indigenous partner(s).

Researcher Information:

Name: _____
Position: _____
Address: _____
City/Province/Territory: Postal Code: _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____
Email: _____

Indigenous Partner Information:

Name: _____
Position: _____
Address: _____
City/Province/Territory: Postal Code: _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____
Email: _____

Title of the Research Project:

Funded by: _____
Location: _____
Start date of project: _____
Completion date of project (if incomplete, state "In Progress and provide expected completion date"): _____

Brief summary of project:

Describe the role of the researcher(s) and Indigenous partner(s):

Describe the beneficial outcomes for both researcher(s) and Indigenous partner(s) (e.g., publications, conference presentations, student education, capacity-building, economic development):

Describe the research project's contribution to the education of Indigenous students:

Describe the dissemination of research results and how it takes into account the needs of the Indigenous partner(s).

Describe the legacy of the project. Is there an ongoing relationship between the researcher(s) and the Indigenous partner(s)?

PART II: NOMINATOR INFORMATION

(The nominator must provide a letter of reference, not to exceed two pages.)

Researcher Information:

Name: _____

Position: _____

Address: _____

City/Province/Territory: Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Indigenous Partner Information:

Name: _____

Position: _____

Address: _____

City/Province/Territory: Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Title of the Research Project:

Funded by: _____

Location: _____

Start date of project: _____

Completion date of project (if incomplete, state "In Progress and provide expected completion date"): _____

Brief summary of project:

PART III: ADDITIONAL LETTERS OF REFERENCE

- At least one letter of reference from individuals or groups knowledgeable about the nominees and the research project.
- Attach letters of reference to the submission, including telephone contact information for the references.
- References may be contacted to clarify any information regarding the nomination.

PART IV: CHECKLIST

- Nomination form completed and signed by nominee and nominator
- Letter from nominator
- Letter from representative of research team
- Letter from representative of Indigenous partner(s)
- Letter of reference from individual or group familiar with research project