

RESEARCH ASSISTANT PROGRAM



AURORA RESEARCH INSTITUTE
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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of the Research Assistant Program is to provide up to \$1,000.00 towards wages for hiring northern residents as research assistants while working in the Northwest Territories. Employment provided must be meaningful and all applications must demonstrate that the assistants will be employed in work which will contribute to the development of northern-based research.

PROGRAM GUIDELINES

The Aurora Research Institute (ARI) will administer the Research Assistant Program.

- ✓ All applications for funding will be reviewed by the Research Advisory Council.
- ✓ Deadlines for applications will be February 28th and August 31st. Applicants will be notified of the results of the decision within 30 days of the review date.
- ✓ All applications will be ranked in order of merit.
- ✓ To qualify for financial support, the applicant must hire at least one research assistant who has lived more than one-half of his/her life in the Northwest Territories.
- ✓ Applicants must demonstrate that the proposed research will involve meaningful participation of the Research Assistant(s), and that the research will contribute to the development of northern-based research capability.
- ✓ The research proposal must be well-defined, achievable within the proposed methodology, budget, timeframe and personnel resources.
- ✓ Examples of individuals who may wish to apply for funding under this program include universities, government, non-profit agencies and industry researchers.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

The Research Assistant Program welcomes researchers from the social, applied, physical and natural sciences. Community-initiated research is encouraged. Applicants will be assessed according to the following criteria:

- ✓ Does the proposed research involve Aurora Research Institute/College faculty, staff or students, or citizens of the Northwest Territories in meaningful collaboration?
- ✓ Number of days the Research Assistant(s) will be employed.
- ✓ Is the research well-defined, and are the goals achievable within the proposed methodology, budget, time frame and personnel resources?
- ✓ If additional resources are required, have they been applied for? (Grants may be made contingent upon successful additional funding.)
- ✓ Is the importance of community participation and support reflected in the application?
- ✓ Will the research result in presentations to the Northwest Territories research community and its residents?

Other considerations include completeness of the application and appropriate documentation. For more information, applicants are encouraged to contact the Manager, Scientific Services at:

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Application

for Research Assistant Program
(only typed or printed applications will be accepted)

Name:

Affiliation:

Address:

Phone: ()

Fax: ()

E-mail:

A. Project Summary

Project Title:

Project Abstract:

What research training will assistants receive? How will this training contribute to the development of northern-based knowledge in the NWT? (Use additional space if required.)

Name(s) of NWT Research Assistant(s) you plan to hire:

Community agency contacted to identify potential candidates:

Will your research result in a presentation to the Northwest Territories research community and its residents? Yes No

B. Budget Summary

Total Project Budget: \$

Aurora Research Institute Contribution Requested: \$

Number of NWT residents/students to be employed:

Number of days of employment:

From (DD/MM/YY):

To (DD/MM/YY):

C. Licencing

Do you have an Aurora Research Institute research licence? Yes No

If yes, Research Licence Number:

If no, explain:

List other licenses/permits (if applicable):

Please note - The Research Assistant Program provides up to \$1,000.00/year for each assistant to researchers who employ territorial residents as Research Assistants. It is up to the researcher to inform assistants about the terms of employment (i.e. Rate of pay, duties to be performed and all other conditions of employment).

By signing below you agree to conform your research activities to the Principles of Ethical Conduct for Research in the North, as enumerated in Aurora Research Institute/Aurora College Policy and the Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies. This may include a review of your research methodology by a Research Ethics Committee.

Signature:

Date:

Research Assistant Support: Recommended

Director

Date

Research Assistant Support: Approved

President

Date

Amount Approved: \$