

Call for proposals: BMO Research Award in Indigenous Business and Leadership

SFU Beedie has received a generous donation from the BMO Financial Group to fund research into Indigenous business in Canada. This fund will support research into Indigenous business in Canada including, but not limited to, fieldwork, the development of research articles and seminars, the creation of Canadian Indigenous business case studies, and teaching materials. Researchers affiliated with the Beedie School of Business or other SFU faculties including faculty members, adjunct professors, research assistants, post-doctoral fellows and graduate students are eligible to apply.

There will be at least two uses of the funds for research: one for researcher-initiated projects or proposals that have a high potential impact, and the other for strategic allocation of funds in order to support research and teaching that can further Indigenous education in graduate and undergraduate programs at SFU Beedie. There will be two competitions each year with the deadlines of **May 15** and **Nov 15**. Projects will be selected by the BMO Research Award Adjudication Committee, which is comprised of the Associate Dean of Research and International, the Chair of the Indigenous Governance Committee, Director of Indigenous Programs, and faculty member(s) in the Beedie School of Business.

Allowable expenses include salaries for research assistants, travel, equipment, supplies, datasets, administrative costs, and procurement of services related to surveys and data collection that are better outsourced than conducted with SFU personnel or students. Sub-granting of research is not an allowable expense. The BMO research award fund is expected to fund multiple projects, so budgets should be developed accordingly (usually, maximum \$25,000 for 1-2 year projects).

Applications must include:

- A completed and signed application form including budget
- A letter of reference from a recognized expert that speaks to the potential impact of the proposed research and, for projects based in an Indigenous community or company, a letter of invitation from an appropriate counterpart.

Applications are accepted each year from April 1 through May 15 (for the deadline of May 15) and Oct 1 through Nov 15 (for the deadline of Nov 15). Proposals or expressions of interest should be sent to Shahrzad Jooya Ardakani, Research Grants Facilitator [bsbgrant@sfu.ca].