

Inclusive Research & Academic Networks Starter Fund

Application Deadline: February 21, 2022 at 11:59 p.m.

PURPOSE

To promote scholarship that explores issues of equity, diversity and inclusivity in research networks or academic networks.

ELIGIBILITY

- The principle investigator must be a FHS faculty member.
- Funding cannot be used to supplement another partly funded project.
- Funded projects must be presented at the Norman Education Research Day in 2023.
- All investigators are encouraged to participate in this year's event.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants are required to submit:

- 1) Research Team Description – 1 page, outlining the relevant research experience of the principle investigator (PI) and collaborators
- 2) Project Summary – 3 pages maximum, plus references, outlining:
 - a. Background/context
 - b. Proposed study question/objectives
 - c. Proposed method
 - d. Expected project outcome and potential impact of study
 - e. Timeline
- 3) Budget - 1 page maximum
The following expenses are ineligible:
 - a. Salary support for PI or other investigators
 - b. Technical equipment not explicitly required for data acquisition or analysis
 - c. Infrastructure expenses that are presently supported elsewhere (e.g. research assistant)

No university overhead will be charged.

ADJUDICATION

The adjudication process will be administered by the Assistant Dean, MERIT who will chair a selection committee of MERIT scholars or scientists.

AWARD AMOUNT

Up to two (2) awards of \$4,000 each.

APPLICATION DETAILS

- 1) Deadline for application is February 21, 2022 at 11:59 p.m.
- 2) Use a 10 point font, single spaced with 2.5 cm margins.
- 3) Submit as one (1) PDF document labelled "<PI's last name_Project Title, short form>"
- 4) Submit to the MERIT office c/o merit@mcmaster.ca.