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## **Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) Ontario Resource Field Program - Call for Proposals**

### **Sponsor**

Royal Bank of Canada (RBC)

### **Program**

Ontario Resource Field Program

### **Description**

Mission Statement: Helping the University of Guelph bring First Nations closer to a sustainable supply of clean, healthy water and to conserve biodiversity.

Under auspices of a philanthropic gift to the University of Guelph from the Royal Bank of Canada, there is funding available to implement a field assessment program (data collection and social interaction), primarily at the undergraduate level, which will improve the understanding of water-related and biodiversity issues faced by First Nations communities.

Issues involved could include: fisheries management, health of the ecosystems, effects of anthropogenic change, fish surveying, water conservation, etc.. The research is to be conducted in Ontario.

### **Funding Availability**

The RBC project started in 2014 and provided approximately \$535,000 which was used to support 27 projects that were led by faculty from CBS, CEPS and OAC. In 2018, there will be approximately \$140,000 in funding available.

### **Maximum Project Value**

A proposal should entail an expenditure of up to \$20,000 (maximum) in one year, all costs included.

### **Indirect Costs**

0%

## Project Duration

The field work and reporting should be completed by November 1, 2018.

## Special Notes

While there is a possibility of further funding in subsequent years, the potential for additional year(s) of support will only be decided at a future date. The faculty member supervising the work will be responsible for submitting a report that will be integrated into a summary report that will be provided to the project sponsors. The due date for the final report is November 1, 2018.

## Deadlines

**If College-level review is required, your College will communicate its earlier internal deadlines.**

| Type                     | Date                              | Notes   |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| <b>External Deadline</b> | Friday, December 1, 2017 - 4:00pm | <p>Proposals are to be submitted by email to Glen Van Der Kraak (<a href="mailto:gvanderk@uoguelph.ca">gvanderk@uoguelph.ca</a> [1]) and Ed McBean (<a href="mailto:emcbean@uoguelph.ca">emcbean@uoguelph.ca</a> [2]). Please be sure to include both contact names in the email and a clear title indicating the program and the proposed research project.</p> <p>Successful applicants will be required to submit a signed OR-5 form to the Office of Research (<a href="mailto:resserv@uoguelph.ca">resserv@uoguelph.ca</a> [3]) who will finalize the award.</p> |

## How to Apply

If you have a research project that addresses the mission statement, please submit a three page proposal (maximum) describing your concept.

The proposal must indicate:

1. Background (and summary of past accomplishments if applicable)
2. Purpose of research and specific objectives
3. Description of field work including planned data collection and student engagement
4. Description of community engagement and knowledge transfer, as part of the project (if any)
5. Project timeline, milestones, and deliverables
6. A separate budget breakdown for projected expenditures should be included as an appendix of the proposal (not included in the three page limit).

It is expected that the proponents will demonstrate in their proposal, linkage(s) with other ongoing work that relates to First Nations, and where applicable, identify matching funds that will be leveraged to support the proposed research. It is also important to indicate the knowledge transfer from the First Nations to the students involved in the proposed project and how the First Nations communities will be included in a transparent way, and how the community/communities will benefit from the project.

It is important to recognize and detail the sensitivity training and ethics review implicit in any First Nations work in the proposed project.

Proposals will be evaluated by a committee that is composed of faculty from across campus and external members who have expertise in First Nations water issues.

For Questions, please contact

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