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This report includes mandatory reporting on 1) the CRCP institutional equity, diversity and inclusion action plan (IEDIAP) and 2) the \$50,000 EDI Stipend.

Your institution must submit the report by the deadline date indicated by the program, and must cover the reporting period identified by the program.

Institutions are required to post the most up to date version of their EDI action plan on their public accountability web pages.

Each year, institutions must also publicly post a copy of this report to their public accountability web pages within 7 working days after the deadline for submitting the report to TIPS. TIPS will review the report each year; in addition, the annual report(s) will be provided to the external EDI Review Committee, when it is convened every few years, to evaluate the progress made in bolstering EDI at the respective institution and to provide context for future iterations of the EDI action plan.

All sections of the form are mandatory (unless otherwise noted).

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The link for the EDI progress report and EDI Stipend report:

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Does your institution have an EDI Action Plan for the CRCP?

No

PART A: EDI Action Plan - Reporting on Key Objectives Analyses, Systemic Barriers, Objectives and Indicators

In developing their action plans, institutions were required to conduct: 1) an employment systems review; 2) a comparative review; and 3) an environmental scan (see program requirements <u>here</u>). These assessments were required in order to identify the specific systemic barriers and/or challenges that are faced by underrepresented groups (e.g. women, persons with disabilities, Indigenous peoples and racialized minorities at the respective institution; institutions were then required to develop key S.M.A.R.T. (specific, measurable, aligned with the wanted outcome, realistic and timely) objectives and actions to address them.

Indicate what your institution's key EDI objectives are (up to six) as outlined in the most recent version of your action plan (either the one approved by TIPS or the one current under review by TIPS), as well as the systemic barriers/challenges identified that these objectives must address. Please note that objectives should be S.M.A.R.T. and include a measurement strategy. List the corresponding actions and indicators (as indicated in your institutional EDI action plan) for each objective, and outline: a) what progress has been made during the reporting period; b) what actions were undertaken; c) the data gathered; and d) indicators used to assess the outcomes and impacts of the actions. Please note that indicators can be both quantitative and qualitative and should be specific. Outline next steps and use the contextual information box to provide any additional information (e.g. course correction, obstacles, lessons learned, etc.) for each objective.

Key Objective 1

If the answer to the previous question was 'yes', indicate how much of the funding was spent on this key objective and specifically what the funds were spent on.

Key Objective 2

If the answer to the previous question was 'yes', indicate how much of the funding was spent on this key objective and specifically what the funds were spent on.

Key Objective 3

If the answer to the previous question was 'yes', indicate how much of the funding was spent on this key objective and specifically what the funds were spent on.

Key Objective 4

If the answer to the previous question was 'yes', indicate how much of the funding was spent on this key objective and specifically what the funds were spent on.

Key Objective 5

If the answer to the previous question was 'yes', indicate how much of the funding was spent on this key objective and specifically what the funds were spent on.

Key Objective 6

If the answer to the previous question was 'yes', indicate how much of the funding was spent on this key objective and specifically what the funds were spent on.

Reporting on EDI Stipend objectives not accounted for in Part A

Instructions:

- Institutions with EDI Action Plans, use this section to report on EDI Stipend objectives that are not accounted for in Section A.
- Institutions without EDI Action Plans, use this section to report on EDI Stipend objectives.

Objectives associated with your institution's EDI Stipend application

Table C1. Provide information on the objectives associated with your institution's EDI Stipend application, including the funding and timelines, for the reporting period.

EDI Stipend Objective 1

Indicate the S.M.A.R.T. (specific, measurable, aligned with the wanted outcome, realistic and timely) objective(s) towards which this funding has been directed:

Objective 1. Conduct an institutional scan to identify systemic barriers in existing policies, processes and structures related to achieving EDI objectives and targets. Objective 2. Summarize best EDI practices for research and scholarship and small and medium sized universities. Objective 3. Collaboratively develop an EDI strategy for research and scholarship, including a CRC EDI Action Plan. Objective 4. Provide recommendations to resource and implement the EDI strategy, including a communications plan. Note - these are the objectives identified in the original proposal and have remained the same. Due to delays associated with the COVID pandemic, the deliverables will not be complete until September 30, 2021.

Indicator(s): Describe indicators, as presented in the EDI Stipend application, and how they are calculated.

In the EDI Stipend application we included the following: The primary indicator of success for the project will be setting and achieving CRC Action Plan targets for MRU. In addition, we will measure success through the achievements of CRCs. The final performance indicator will be the number of students from identified groups that participate in HQP experiences with CRCs and consider going on to research careers. Details of tracking progress on these metrics will be part of our final plan.

Progress: Describe results observed, including indicator results, outcomes, impacts. Include timelines (start and end dates).

The desired outcome of the project is a solid foundation for setting and achieving EDI targets for our CRC program and our research and scholarly activities overall. The initial grant will serve as a catalyst to provide sustainable resource allocation for an equity officer who focuses on research and scholarship. We have seen excellent progress on discussions towards establishing a full-time, senior administrative position for EDI. In addition, the survey and focus groups conducted as part of our process are providing essential information for drafting our CRC EDI Action Plan. We are making progress on all of the anticipated results articulated in the original proposal: 1. Summary of institutional barriers in policies, processes and structures to achieving greater diversity in research participation. 2. Specific recommendations for actions on removing or abating the identified barriers. 3. Completion of an EDI strategy for research and scholarship and a CRC EDI Action Plan. 4. Clear direction for implementation. 5. Increased awareness across the scholarly community for the value of greater diversity in the research enterprise.

Outline the total expenditures below:

| Total funds of EDI stipend spent on the objective: | 50000 |
|--|-------|
| Institutional commitment (if applicable): | 50000 |
| Total funds spent: | |

Indicate in the table below any leveraged cash or in-kind contributions provided by your institution:

| | Amount \$ | Source / Type (cash or in-kind) |
|---|-----------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | 50000 | in-kind |
| 2 | 0 | 0 |

Table C2. EDI Stipend Impact Rating

Please rate the extent of the impact the EDI Stipend has had on your institution in meeting this objective as identified in your application, for the reporting period:

Extensive impact (the EDI Stipend had an extensive impact on achieving progress)

Provide a high level summary of how the stipend was used:

The stipend was directed toward the services of an external consultant.

Do you have other objectives to add?

No

Additional Objectives (if applicable)

Table C1. Provide information on the objectives associated with your institution's EDI Stipend application, including the funding and timelines, for the reporting period.

EDI Stipend Objective 2

EDI Stipend Objective 3

EDI Stipend Objective 4

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EDI Stipend Objective 5

EDI Stipend Objective 6

Part D: Engagement with individuals from underrepresented groups

Outline how the institution has engaged with underrepresented groups: e.g. racialized minorities, Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, women, LGBTQ2+ individuals, during the implementation of the action plan (during the reporting period), including how they have been involved in identifying and implementing any course corrections/adjustments, if applicable. For example, how was feedback gathered on whether the measures being implemented are resulting in a more inclusive research environment for chairholders of underrepresented groups? How has intersectionality been considered in developing and implementing the plan (if applicable)? Have new gaps been identified? How will members of underrepresented groups continue to be engaged? (limit: 10 200 characters)

Our process has included focus groups, interviews and a faculty survey. Each of these activities engaged members of underrepresented groups. The survey was the most directly targeted instrument of engagement as it contained a screening question for the five identified groups. We had 127 faculty members access the survey and 81 self-identified as being from one of the five identified groups and responded to the survey question accordingly. We also consulted with the President's Task force on EDI comprised of underrepresented groups. We will engage further through community consultation when a draft of the strategy has been prepared.

PART E: Efforts to Address Systemic Barriers More Broadly within the Institution

Briefly outline other EDI initiatives underway at the institution (that are broader than those tied to the CRCP) that are expected to address systemic barriers and foster an equitable, diverse and inclusive research environment. For example, are there projects underway that underscore the importance of EDI to research excellence? Is there additional training being offered to the faculty at large? Are there initiatives to improve the campus climate? Please provide hyperlinks where possible. Note that collecting this information from institutions is a requirement of the 2019 Addendum to the 2006 Canadian Human Rights Settlement Agreement and provides context for the work the institution is doing in addressing barriers for the CRCP. (limit: 4080 characters)

President's Task for on EDI Establishment of a new AVP for EDI Revision of the Tenure and Promotion Criteria to recognize Indigenous ways of knowing (focus on research and scholarship) Update to the Indigenous Strategic Plan Inclusion working groups for planning of all new campus spaces and renovations Establishment of a General Faculties standing committee on Indigenization New created position - AVP Indigenization and Decolonization

Before submitting your report, please ensure that your responses are complete. You will not be able to edit the information after it is submitted.

I have reviewed my responses and I am ready to submit my report.

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