

Indigenous Cultural Competencies Training Bursary Program 2018

Offered by the BC Museums Association in partnership with the Province of British Columbia

Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible to apply?

Individuals working or volunteering in organizations with a culture or heritage mandate and responsibility for a museum, cultural heritage assets or historic place are eligible for this funding, including:

- Registered B.C. not-for-profit organizations
- First Nations Band Councils
- Aboriginal Friendship or Cultural Centres
- Local governments (municipalities and regional districts)
- Post-secondary institutions

In addition, applicants:

- must be a resident of British Columbia;
- must attend and participate fully in the training session;
- must demonstrate a commitment to advancing reconciliation in their institution or community.

Applicants may also apply to participate in the full [BC Museums Association conference](#), which includes an Indigenous Culture and Collaborations learning stream. Attendance at the full conference is optional, but conference registration costs are eligible expenses within this bursary program.

Please note: If you have already registered for either the pre-conference workshop or the conference, you may still apply to this bursary program and for reimbursement of the registration fees already committed.

How many bursaries are available?

There are approximately 10-12 bursaries (up to \$2600) available to support participants who would not otherwise be able to participate in this workshop due to lack of funds.

What expenses are eligible for each bursary?

Eligible bursary expenses include:

- Airfare (or car transportation) to/from Kelowna
- Hotel accommodation for 1-4 nights during the period of October 20 – 24 (depending on need)
- Registration for the Indigenous Cultural Competencies pre-conference workshop
- BC Museums Association conference registration (optional)
- Meal allowances will also be provided to bursary recipients for any meals not already covered by the training and conference registrations.

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How do I apply?

All applicants must complete the [online application form](#) and attach a letter from your current supervisor outlining their support for your participation in this learning opportunity.

On our website you can also find a [sample application form](#). Please prepare your answers in advance and have your letter of support ready to attach.

You will not be able to save the online application before you submit it.

Applications must be received no later than 5:00pm on Friday, September 7, 2018.

How and when will I be notified of the results of my application?

Bursary recipients will be notified by email in mid-September 2018. At that point you will be asked to complete your registration, hotel and transportation bookings (if you haven't already done so).

If I am awarded a bursary, when will I receive the funds?

A portion of the bursary may be disbursed to bursary recipients at the October 21 training (pending timely submission of eligible receipts).

The remaining bursary amount will be disbursed once the Bursary Program Report and eligible receipts are received. The final report and receipts are due to the BC Museums Association office no later than November 5, 2018.

What is the Bursary Program Report?

To claim the full reimbursement, bursary recipients are required to submit the Bursary Program Report assessing the training's value to your present job and future professional development goals in the area of Indigenous reconciliation. This report template will be sent to bursary recipients at the time of award notification.

In addition to the Bursary Program report, you will also be required to submit:

- an expense claim form, and
- all receipts for eligible expenses (including airline ticket).

Any further questions?

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