Indigenous Innovation Initiative: Gender Equality Program Application Form

To apply for funding, applicants MUST use the online application form, which is ONLY accessible via Grand Challenges Canada's Fluxx Portal: https://gcc.fluxx.io/.

Data Language:
Project title:
Project lead:
Project Contact Email:
Project Contact number:
Project lead:
Project Co-lead:
Reporting Contact:
Project Website:
Project Location (Town / Reserve / Community)
Project Location: (Province/ Territory)
Project Location: (Country)
Do you self-identify as Indigenous from within Canada? OPTIONS: First Nations, Métis, Inuit, non-status First Nation

Optional: What Nation/region are you from?

Optional: What age range are you (or the project lead) in?
18-29; 30-44; 45-54; 55-64; 75+; Prefer not to answer

Are you the founder of this project?:
If not the founder, what is your relation to the founder?:

Self-Selection: Innovation Journey Stage

Options:
- I have a problem I want to solve but I'm not sure how.
- I have an idea for how to solve a problem, but I still need to build the model/prototype.
- I have an innovative program, product, or service that has been proven to work but I need support to run it.
- Seed projects:

- o I have a model or prototype of a program, product, or service, but it needs to be tested.
- o I have an innovative program, product, or service that needs to be adapted and tested in a new way.
- Transition to Scale (TTS) projects:
  - o I have a model/prototype, product, or service that works, but I need support making a plan to refine it.
  - o I have a model or prototype of a program, product, or service and I have tested it, but now it needs refinement and more testing.
  - o I have an innovative program, product, or service fully developed and tested, but I need support making a plan to scale it.
  - o I have an innovative program, product, or service fully developed and tested, but I need support making a plan to make it sustainable.
- Other:

Self-Selection: Investment Readiness

What stage of investment readiness are you at?

Options:

- This is a new idea within an existing organization.
- This is a new idea and will be a new organization.
- This is a new idea and we have a flow-through organization identified that we can work with.
- This idea has other investors/funders supporting it (match funding). Optional: Please share any additional funding partners.
- This is an existing idea that needs remodeling in an existing organization.
- This is an existing idea that needs remodeling for a new organization.
- This is an existing idea that will be proposed to a new or existing organization.
- Other:

Which investment priority is your project most aligned with?

Options:

- **Land story – environmental sustainability:** Solutions that directly address or mitigate climate change.
- **Food sovereignty – agriculture/food supply/production:** Solutions that help address food security, including supply chains, food production, and food access.
- **Tech – digital access and data sovereignty:** Tech innovations that increase digital access or data sovereignty for Indigenous communities.
- **Wellness – physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being:** Solutions that address the mental health and well-being of people using an Indigenous approach. We are particularly inviting projects that focus on youth mental health.
  - o Option: My project focuses on increasing the mental health of Indigenous Youth.

Innovation Information

The proposal requires the submission of answers to six (6) questions, including a short summary of your innovation. You will not be scored on the final two questions (questions 5 and 6). The summary will be used to confirm the innovativeness and relevance of your project in our screening process. Responses to the subsequent questions will be reviewed and scored using the scoring matrix which can be found here.

There is a high character count limit in lieu of an unlimited character count for the following sections. You may add as much as you need to properly describe the Innovation. However, we ask that you take responsibility to add only the information that is needed to understand your proposed project and respond to the questions asked. We ask this to respect the reviewers' time as well as your fellow applicants. A suggested submission guideline is equivalent to a maximum of 10 pages written.

You may answer the questions in this section either directly in the provided spaces or by attaching any of the following:

- Word document (suggest 10 pages or less with 12-point font or bigger)
- PowerPoint presentation (suggest 15 slides or less with 18-point font or bigger)
- MP3 audio file (suggest 5 minutes long or less)
- Link to a YouTube video (suggest 5 minutes long or less)

If you choose to use multiple upload formats, please, clearly label each item to the corresponding question with your last name and application ID. Please refrain from using spaces, for example:

- Documents/PowerPoints: "*LastName-ApplicationID-Q1*"
- Videos (if a certain time frame is most relevant): "*LastName-ApplicantionID-Q2-1M40S-6M23S*"

Content above and beyond these suggested sizes may not be reviewed as part of the application.

Any alternate submission style must still be uploaded to Fluxx. There will be space on the application form for you to provide links to documents, audio, or videos that are available on a website (e.g., YouTube, Vimeo), so you do not have to upload them.

All applications regardless of format will be considered equally.

There is no deadline to apply. Applications will be accepted and reviewed for as long as there is funding available. Selection will take place on a quarterly to semi-annual basis, beginning in Spring 2023. To submit the proposal, applicants must follow the application instructions found at indigenousinnovate.org.

Key themes to keep in mind: *All projects should speak to how their project will directly or indirectly honour the Land and Water (environmental sustainability practices) and how they are grounded in Indigenous ways of knowing and being.*

All projects should speak to how they uphold gender equality, by creating safe spaces, removing barriers, or uplifting gender equality throughout the innovation's lifecycle.

Question 1

What is your bold idea or innovative solution? Please address how it is innovative and relevant to this funding call. [9,000-character count including spaces. Provide an attachment if more space is required]

Key points to consider and include, as relevant:

- How does innovation impact or connect to your chosen investment priority area?
- What challenge or problem is your idea solving?
- How is this idea innovative compared to similar solutions that currently exist?
- Is your innovation a brand-new idea or a new way of using traditional methods?
- How is your innovation grounded in Indigenous ways of knowing and being (including traditional ecological or cultural Knowledges, practices, teachings, or traditions)?
- How will your innovation support social healing?
- How will your innovation create change in the chosen investment priority area?

Question 2

Tell us how it will impact the reclamation or revitalization of Indigenous culture and advance Indigenous gender equality in alignment with our Gender Equality Program Story. Please address the proposed project's potential for impact. [9,000-character count including spaces]

Key points to consider:

- Does your solution honour Indigenous Ways of Knowing and Being, Indigenous Laws and Rights, and the Land?
- How does it acknowledge interconnectedness, relationality, ceremony, or 7th generation thinking?
- Are women and gender-diverse voices involved in decision-making and leadership roles?
- How will your innovation address gender equality? How will your innovation address environmental sustainability?
- What is the social purpose and the intended social impact of your innovation?
- What grounds your project?
- Does it revive or implement ancestral knowledges?
- Is the idea being developed/tested/refined in close partnership with the community or communities that will be impacted by it?

Question 3

What does success for this project look like for you, your organization, and/or your community? Please include any information about the potential for this project's future sustainability or scalability. [9,000-character count including spaces]

Key points to consider:

- Brief overview of your implementation plan
- How is it sustainable? Consider leadership, continuity, lands, other resources
- What is the potential for impact, including cultural reclamation and gender equality
- Is there a clear vision for your innovation?
- Are you working in collaboration with anyone that will help you achieve success?
- How will you know if you are meeting community's needs?
- What specific results do you expect to find that will tell us if your innovation has been successful?
- Please tell us about your passion for the idea and why you are committed to putting in the effort required to bring it to life.

Question 4

How much do you think it will cost? Please use the fields below to enter your approximate budget. The total budget should not be more than $125,000 CAD. [Limit: 8,000 characters including spaces. You do not have to fill out the chart below, you are welcome to write it out, or share a similar budget with us in any format you prefer.]

a) Please note, this does not have to be detailed, we understand this is a projection as to what you would spend your funds on.
b) Tell us about your key activities and provide a breakdown of how the funds will be spent.
c) You do not need to submit a budget for the maximum amount and will NOT be marked lower if you do. We **strongly encourage** that your budget be based on how much you think your idea will cost rather than attempting to fit costs into our maximum grant size ($125,000).
d) Projects should be a maximum of 12 months.
e) Please note that we will support and work with all the ultimately successful applicants on more detailed final budgets in the due diligence stage to ensure you have what you need to develop and test your bold idea.
f) For "*Other Expenses", tell us about any additional supports that could help you to be successful or increase your likelihood of success. This could be things like a dedicated training program tuition, childcare, or some other unique expense directly linked to your project.

Please enter your budget information below. Note that all figures should be in CAD.

Category	Budget (CAD)
Salaries – funding recipient's employees	

Fees – sub contractors Travel Costs	
Goods and Supplies	
Equipment	
*Other Expenses	
Project Administration costs (Directly related to the project)	
Total:	

Question 5

Please provide us with a written summary statement to describe your project that can be used for our initial screening, communications with reviewers, and/or announcements about successful project selection. It should be no more than 500 words. You will NOT be scored for this. [2,500 Characters]

Question 6

As per our last round and our continued effort to provide to community, we please ask that you **share a short list or some key words to describe what you are doing and what sector you are impacting.** You will NOT be scored for this.

Attachments

Submit photos, videos, or attachments to complement your application.

Please clearly label each upload with "LastName-ApplicationID-Question#". Please refrain from using spaces.

If uploading complimentary documents not pertaining to the questions, please label "Lastname-ApplicationID-Documentname".