



INTERNATIONAL INDIGENOUS
ACADEMIC HEALTH NETWORK

International Student Exchange in Indigenous Health

Distinguished Visiting Scholar in Indigenous Health

The International Indigenous Academic Health Network represents a partnership among the faculties of medicine at five universities around the world that share a focus on advancing Indigenous health priorities in medical education, health research and health service delivery. The network facilitates faculty exchanges among the partner organizations through a peer reviewed selection process.

Visiting Scholars will be provided with opportunities to participate in a range of activities that are relevant to their field of interest in Indigenous health. It is expected that during their visit the Scholar will also engage in knowledge exchange activities such as education/research seminars, colloquia, consultations with faculty and students, and/or workshops. Faculty members participating in the exchange program will be provided with office space and access to services (e.g. libraries, computer access and internet) at the host institution.

Eligibility: Applicants must have a faculty appointment at one of the participating universities; a demonstrated interest in Indigenous health in health education, health research and/or clinical service delivery; and have the support of their home institution to participate in this exchange program.

Travel: Visiting Scholars are responsible for funding and arranging travel to/from their home country to the site of the home institution. During the course of the visit, travel within the region to participate in the exchange activities will be arranged and financial supported by the host institution.

Accommodations: Visiting Scholars are responsible for securing and funding the costs for accommodation to visit the host institution; assistance with coordinating this process will be provided by the host. Accommodations that are required to participate in exchange activities during the visit will be arranged and funded by the host institution (e.g. faculty visit to a rural Indigenous community health centre).

Salary & Benefits: The host institution will not provide salary or employee benefits to the Visiting Scholar. Visitors are advised to secure appropriate health and professional insurance coverage for this exchange.

Licensing, work permits & visas: Work permits, travel visas and professional licensing requirements may need to be in place prior to carrying out an academic visit. It is the responsibility of the Visiting Scholar to ensure that the appropriate permissions and documentation have been secured prior to the visit.

Selection Criteria: Visiting Scholars will be selected by a committee with representation from the partner universities. Consideration will be given to the applicant's academic track record, the potential impact of the proposed visit activities, as well as ability of the network to accommodate the applicant's request. Applicants will be notified of the committee's decision within 3 months of application submission. All decisions of the selection committee are final.

How to Apply: Applicants must complete the Application Form and include supporting documentation as listed in the form. Applications must be received at the address below.

For additional information about the Visiting Scholar program, please contact:

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Instructions: Complete the following application form and attach the documentation listed in Section II.

I. Applicant Information

Name: _____
Position/Rank: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____
University: _____
Faculty: _____
Department/Unit: _____
Area of specialization /interest: _____

II. Proposal

Host University for the visit: _____
Start Date: _____ End Date: _____

Attach a proposal for the visit that includes the following information:

- a. **Letter of Nomination**
Provide a letter of nomination from at the proposed host institution. Self-nomination is not permitted. The letter must indicate how this visit will benefit the education/research/clinical environment at the host institution and also confirming the provision of resources for the visit (e.g. space, equipment, local travel for off-site visits, and coordination of activities).
- b. **Statement of Interests** (Maximum 1 page)
Outline your professional interests in the area(s) of Indigenous health research, education and/or clinical service delivery and how participation in the Distinguished Visiting Scholar program will assist you in advancing your professional goals.
- c. **Proposal** (Maximum 3 pages)
Provide an outline of the proposed activities for the visit. This may include, but is not limited to, participation in or delivery of consultations, workshops, seminars, colloquia, meetings, lectures, teaching and observation visits. Describe how the proposed activities will be beneficial in the following areas:
 - i. The development of Indigenous health research/education/clinical services at your home institution;
 - ii. The development of Indigenous health research/education/clinical services at the host institution;
 - iii. Students/trainees; and
 - iv. Indigenous peoples and communities.

The proposal should also include a plan for communicating the outcomes of the visit to the International Indigenous Academic Health Network.
- d. **Curriculum Vitae**
Include a copy of your current curriculum vitae.

Submit the completed application with all supporting documents to the appropriate address below.

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