

Proposal for an Indigenous Course Development Grant

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Preamble: In support of the TRC Calls to Action and the U of T response to these Calls, UTSC is proposing an Indigenous Course Development Grant for faculty members who wish to develop a new course or courses or new content in an existing course on indigenous topics. The grant is intended to provide faculty members with time and resources to build a constructive, on-going relationship with indigenous communities and/or organizations.

Description: Two grants are available each year and are awarded on a competitive basis. The grant will include release from teaching and service for one academic term, and up to \$10,000 to cover costs of visiting and/or residing in an indigenous community and other expenses related to the development of the course(s). The Dean's Office will provide stipendiary funds to the faculty members' home department to cover teaching replacement needs up to half of the normal annual teaching load.

Eligibility requirements:

- Faculty members must be tenured or hold continuing status at UTSC
- Faculty members must have completed indigenous cultural acumen education or the equivalent
- Support of the faculty member's Chair, and the UTSC Indigenous Curriculum Committee
- Support of an indigenous community or organization.

Process: A call for proposals is issued each July. The deadline for proposals is the end of October. The process is competitive. Initial review will be by the Vice-Dean Faculty Affairs and Equity and Vice Dean Undergraduate or Vice Dean Graduate as appropriate. Proposals supported by the Vice Deans will be considered by the Dean's adjudication committee, which will include the UTSC Elder and others from the indigenous community. The adjudication committee will make recommendations to the Dean by the end of January. The grants can be used in the following Summer, Fall or Winter semester.