

## ABOUT THE FUND

A partnership between Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador, the University of the Arctic (UArctic), and Yukon University, the purpose of this fund is to support researchers with established relationships and partnerships in the Arctic region interested in continuing their research and education programs in the region in keeping with the UArctic values, Memorial University's Policy on Research Impacting Indigenous Groups and supporting priorities within Canada's Arctic and Northern Policy Framework.

## WHO CAN APPLY

UArctic and Memorial University encourage engagement between Northern Canadian UArctic member institutions, other Canadian members, and other UArctic member institutions for this collaborative research and education initiative. The lead applicant must come from a Canadian Arctic/Northern UArctic member institution. A complete and updated list of member institutions can be found on the [UArctic website](#).

## AMOUNT OF FUNDING

The funding is targeted to support new cooperative projects on networking activities related to Arctic research and education, particularly on priority issues in Canada's Arctic and Northern Policy Framework. Projects may be funded with a maximum total of \$40,000. Funding cannot be applied retroactively and project funding cannot be applied for activities already carried out on the ongoing projects.

## DURATION OF PROJECTS

Projects can have a maximum duration of two years within the timeframe June 1, 2022 to March 31, 2024.

## APPLICATION CRITERIA

Priorities will be given to the projects, which fulfil the following criteria:

1. Have a minimum of three UArctic partners, with a project lead from a [Northern Canadian member](#). However, it is beneficial to have more than three countries involved (there is no limit to the maximum number of partners). Although the majority of project partners need to be UArctic member institutions, project partners can also include other Arctic organizations such as International Arctic Social Sciences Association IASSA and International Arctic Science Committee IASC and all UArctic member regions will be considered an asset (North America, Nordic countries, Russia, Asia and Europe). Unilateral (national) projects are ineligible for funding.
2. One of the following:
  - Involve activities within existing UArctic Thematic Networks or UArctic Institutes. The linkage to the Network or Institute needs to be clearly defined by an established contact to the Network or Institute in question. The activities need to be highlighted and specified. For a list of existing networks please see: <https://www.uarctic.org/organization/thematic-networks/>
  - or:
  - Develop a new Thematic Network or an UArctic Institute: A description of the developmental-process and preparations need to be clearly elaborated.
3. Activities that meet the UArctic values and address at least one of the priority issues of Canada's Arctic and Northern Policy Framework. All applications are evaluated based on the guidelines and most importantly on how the project meets the UArctic's six values. Fulfilling all the six values is regarded as excellent, but addressing minimum four is sufficient.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants must submit through the Memorial University's Public Engagement application portal. Applicants will be guided through the application form and they will be able to upload supporting documents such as letters of the institutional and partner organization support as well as principle investigator's CV through the same system.

- Personal information
- A project plan (including project goals, deliverables, project activities)
- A detailed budget
- The main applicant's CV (max two pages)
- A letter of support from an Indigenous or Northern partner organization
- A knowledge mobilization plan

## EVALUATION PROCEDURE

The projects will be evaluated through an independent evaluation process and evaluation committee that includes representatives from Canadian and other UArctic member institutions and their community partners.

The evaluation process focuses on three dimensions of excellence:

- UArctic values: relevance to the North as expressed through six UArctic values and Canada's Arctic and Northern Policy. How the project contributes to circumpolar cooperation, its inclusiveness and openness and diversity of partners and is relevant to Northern communities and peoples, also contributes to policy making.
- Academic and research excellence and feasibility of the applied project (education and/or research), its interdisciplinary and inclusion of Indigenous knowledge and other knowledge systems. The experience and scientific merits of the lead applicant.
- Project's management: knowledge mobilization plan, internal and external risk management, sustainability plans for the activity, long-term impacts and internal evaluation. Budget must reflect of the project activities in a realistic manner.

## DEADLINE

Applications must be completed and submitted through Memorial University's application portal by April 29th, 2022. Applications received after the deadline or incomplete applications will not be evaluated.

## UARCTIC VALUES

### Circumpolar

- UArctic promotes northern voices and a circumpolar world view.

### Inclusive

- UArctic embraces and respects cultural diversity, language plurality, and gender equality.

### Respectful

- UArctic promotes relationships of respect, trust, and partnership, and embraces the perspectives and knowledge of northern Indigenous Peoples.

### Collaborative

- UArctic is committed to supporting participatory approaches to the production and sharing of knowledge.

### Open

- UArctic is a university network without walls, committed to reducing all barriers to cooperation - across borders, cultures, and academic systems, embracing transparency and openness.

### Influential

- UArctic provides decision-makers with knowledge-based advice that supports sustainable development in the Arctic.

## HELPFUL RESOURCES

[Memorial University's Public Engagement Framework](#)  
[Indigenous Research at Memorial University](#)  
[Memorial University Policy on Research Impacting Indigenous Groups](#)  
[Canada's Arctic and Northern Policy Framework](#)  
[UArctic Values](#)  
[Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action](#)  
[National Inuit Strategy on Research](#)  
[Universities Canada principles on Indigenous education](#)  
[Ethical Principles for the Conduct of Research in the North](#)

*UArctic and Memorial University expect that all research projects are conducted with research integrity and where applicable follow Indigenization strategies.*

*All project grants will be managed and administered by Memorial University (Harris Centre) on behalf of UArctic and in accordance with the terms of a Global Arctic Leadership agreement with Global Affairs, Canada.*



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