

## Faculty of Graduate Studies

## Summer 2018 Indigenous Summer Scholars Program Research Proposal Form

Program Start Date: May 28, 2018 Program End Date: August 3, 2018

The **Indigenous Summer Scholars program (ISSP)** is a response to the strategic direction of Indigenization set by the University of Winnipeg in 2016. Central to this strategic direction is welcoming the transformation of the academy with the inclusion of Indigenous students and faculty members, and Indigenous ways of knowing and Indigenous knowledge.

The Indigenous Summer Scholars Program is a **10-week** research training program that engages Indigenous undergraduate students (or recent graduates) in a variety of scholarly, collaborative, and community-based research projects. Research projects do not require an Indigenous focus to be eligible for this program. Under the management of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, Summer Scholars will participate in a paid summer program, through which they will be matched with UWinnipeg faculty members and contribute to their ongoing research projects. Each researcher or research team will host one student, to whom they will award a \$5,000 stipend. The student will be immersed in the research team and supervised directly by an assigned faculty member. It is expected that the student will have specific roles, responsibilities, and deliverables, as assigned by the supervisor in the context of the research of the team. Supervisors will be asked to participate in a program orientation before the beginning of the program.

During the **first week** of the program, Summer Scholars will participate in a series of workshops to build their academic and research skills. Of central importance will be a workshop in research methodologies, including Indigenous research methodologies. Other workshops will include such topics as academic writing, community engagement, collaborative team-building, proposal writing, and graduate-school application. During this first week, Summer Scholars will be encouraged to live in residence in order to facilitate their full participation in workshops and in social and cultural activities, such as a welcoming feast and sharing circles. Research supervisors are welcome to participate in these social and cultural activities as well.

In **weeks two to ten**, Summer Scholars will work with their research teams and supervisors, with weekly talking circles at which they can share experiences, challenges, successes, and questions. At the end of the program, all Summer Scholars will be asked to make a presentation about the research project with which they were engaged. In addition to their faculty supervisors, a current UWinnipeg Indigenous graduate student will act as a mentor to the Summer Scholars.

If you would like to host a Summer Scholar, please complete and return the following form to the Faculty of Graduate Studies **before December 8, 2017**.

## Please submit questions and completed applications to:

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Project Title:					
Project Descri	ption:				
Overview of th	ne work you expect	the Summer Sch	olar to underta	ke:	

Are you able to sponsor the Summer Scholar's week of training (\$1,200) in addition to providing her or him with a research stipend?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Faculty Signature	Date (YYYYMMDD)