

Métis Research Fund Guidelines Graduate Students

1. Introduction

These awards are made to encourage and promote research and scholarly work in areas of major importance to the Métis people. While Métis specific research is encouraged and given priority, Indigenous research not specifically with a Métis focus may also be considered subject to the availability of funding. The funding for these awards is made possible through the Affiliation agreement between the Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI) and the University of Regina. For 2026, the Métis Research Fund will provide two awards of up to \$5,000 for graduate students enrolled in thesis or project based master's or doctoral programs at the University of Regina.

2. Eligibility - Applicants

Mandate:

To support the research of graduate students who identify with the National Definition of Métis (2002): **Métis means a person who self-identifies as Métis, is distinct from other Aboriginal peoples, is of historic Métis Nation Ancestry and who is accepted by the Métis Nation.**

- **Applicants** are to be Métis graduate students enrolled in a thesis-based master's or doctoral program at the University of Regina.
- Eligibility is limited to one award during the applicant's graduate program.
- Award is to support the applicant's graduate thesis. The maximum amount of funding is \$5,000. The student must be enrolled in thesis or project course (6 credit hours) while holding the award.

3. Eligibility – Research Projects

- Projects should be aligned with the Guiding Principles below.
- All subject matter areas are eligible for funding, including social sciences and humanities, health-related subjects, natural sciences, and engineering.

4. Guiding Principles

Respectful Relationships – Research initiatives should engage and seek the active participation of the Métis community and wherever possible, Métis academics/scholars.

Community Engagement – Research should connect to the Métis community and be for the betterment of the Métis community.

Métis Ways of Knowing and Being – Research should contribute to decolonizing scholarship and research and incorporate Métis ways of knowing.

Scholarship – Research should be innovative, creative and contribute to Métis scholarship in order to enhance, promote and preserve Métis knowledge.

5. Application Procedures

Deadline is November 2, 2026. Applications can be submitted by email to Research.Services@uregina.ca.

Application forms are available on the Office of Research Services website at:

https://www.uregina.ca/research/office-research-services/internal-funding/metis-research-fund.html#fact_2_2

Applications must include:

- 1) **Application form**, including the **budget** table, approved by the applicant's thesis supervisor.
- 2) **Research plan**, including a description of the research project following the headings in the application form, maximum of 1 page.
- 3) **Community relevance**, including how the research is aligned with the Guiding Principles outlined in section 4 above, maximum of 1 page.
- 4) **References/citations**, maximum 1 page.
- 5) **A copy of your transcripts and** a one-page summary statement of your professional, volunteer, and leadership experiences and work with relevant communities (if any).

6. Consideration of Applications

Applications are considered by a multi-disciplinary adjudication committee composed of one University of Regina faculty member, FGSR Associate Dean, AVP Indigenous Engagement, a representative from GDI, and co-chaired by the U of R AVP-Academic (AVPA) and AVP-Research. GDI may also designate another GDI representative to advise the adjudication committee with respect to the relevance and significance of the proposals to the Métis people. The adjudication committee will strive to make award decisions through consensus; consensus will be deemed to exist when there are no serious objections.

Applications should be as clear as possible in order to persuade both specialists and generalists alike.

Assessment Criteria must be addressed in your application. Proposals will be evaluated based on:

- Objective and importance of the endeavor, including its originality/innovation and the expected contribution to knowledge;
- Potential impact of the proposed research, especially with regard to the Guiding Principles outlined above.
- Demonstrated evidence for the engagement of the Métis community in designing and conducting the research project;
- Authenticity of the described partnership;
- Quality and feasibility of the research design;
- Appropriateness and justification of the requested budget;
- Academic record of applicant(s);
- Completeness and clarity of the proposal.

7. Size of the Awards and Eligible Expenses

Funding request cannot exceed \$5,000. Eligible expenses will directly support research activities outlined in the proposal.

The review committee may also set other maximum limits for funding projects as deemed necessary. Ineligible budget items will be removed, and the committee may reduce an award if parts of the budget are excessive or not clearly justified.

In the application form budget table, please provide a justification for each expenditure as it relates to the project activities.

	Eligible Expenses	Non-Eligible Expenses
Personnel required to support the research project	• Salaries and stipends for personnel. In the budget table, indicate the mechanism, e.g., hourly rate or research stipend. (You may consult the Office of Research Services.)	

Self-research stipend	You may claim up to \$2,000 as self-research stipend only if you need to take leave of absence from work to conduct your research.	
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Travel	Travel for research activities (e.g. fieldwork, conducting interviews, visits to archives, libraries, or special research centres)	Conference travel
Supplies & equipment	Must be <u>specialized</u> research supplies, equipment, software	- Laptops, computers, and non-specialized software - Office supplies
Ceremony & cultural protocols	- Tobacco, cloth and other ceremonial costs - Honoraria for Elders	
Other	- Honoraria for research participants or other incentives - Open access publication costs - Data sets - Other expenses necessary to undertake research activities	

8. Administration of Funds

The Office of Research Services will notify applicants about the results of their applications. A research FOAPAL will be set up under the faculty supervisor's name. The use of funds must align with the budget submitted and conform to the University of Regina policies and procedures (www.uregina.ca/policy/) and the Tri-Agency Financial Administration Guide (https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/InterAgency-Interorganismes/TAFA-AFTO/guide-guide_eng.asp). All financial claims against the account (i.e., payrolls, travel, purchase requisitions, etc.) must be signed for by the recipient of the award and approved by the recipient's thesis/project supervisor.

9. Research Certifications

An award may be conditionally granted pending receipt of approval from the appropriate committee where the research involves humans, animals, biohazards, radiation, etc. An applicant has six (6) months from notification of a conditional award to submit an application to the appropriate committee.

Awards will not be made available until all required certifications have been obtained.

10. Length of the Award

The funds may be used until the submission of the student's graduate thesis. Unused balances will be recovered if no longer required for activities outlined in the application.

11. Reporting

Recipients of grants will complete a one/two-page report and submit it to the Office of Research Services at the completion of the project. This report will briefly describe the substantive results of the research for which the grant was made. The reports will be shared with the AVPA, who may use information from the reports when compiling reporting for Gabriel Dumont Institute as per the GDI-UofR Affiliation Agreement.

12. Acknowledgment of the Award

Recipients of the award are expected to acknowledge the grant in their thesis/project.