Inuit Health Research and Planning

2008 Winter Institute
University of Ottawa campus
Ottawa, Ontario
January 27-February 9, 2008

General Information

A partnership of university-based Aboriginal Capacity And Development Research Environments (ACADRE), Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, and several other institutions and Inuit organizations are working towards the development of an Inuit graduate studies program in health research and planning. As a first step they will be hosting a 2008 winter institute on health research methods and planning for Inuit. Inuit working in health research and planning positions across Canada's Arctic will convene in Ottawa for a two-week intensive program in health research and evidence-based planning.

This winter course will provide students with an introduction to health research methods and an opportunity to explore the relevance of particular methods for Inuit lives and communities. This training will be complemented by an exploration of historical and contemporary Inuit health issues, Inuit health/life transitions, environmental changes, and will consider differences across regions. Finally, students will consider practical applications of research in evidence-based planning. Through group-work, students will work together to prepare research proposals for projects of particular relevance to their communities.

For many of those attending the institute, the program will offer a foundation from which to continue on to a graduate studies program. However, the course will not be restricted to those with undergraduate level education but will also be open to those working in health planning and research fields and an interest in further developing skills in these areas.

We are currently promoting the course throughout the Arctic in order to reach interested students as well as employers interested in encouraging their staff to participate. If you are interested as a student or as an employer of potential students, or would like more information, please contact any of the people listed below. Please pass this information on to others that may be interested.
Guidelines & Objectives

CIETcanada, the Ottawa ACADRE, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, the Nasivvik Research Centre and several other institutions and Inuit organizations are pleased to announce the first annual Winter Health Research and Planning Institute for Northern Inuit to be held in Ottawa, Ontario January 27-February 9, 2008.

We invite applications from Inuit who are currently working or studying in fields related to health research and planning who are interested in developing research and planning skills relevant to Inuit and northern lives. A limited number of spaces are available for this training opportunity.

- To provide training for Inuit currently working in health research and planning in the North in health research methods and planning;
- To provide a beginning point for those planning to continue on to graduate studies in health research and planning;
- To provide training for those working in the field, with experience, but not necessarily bachelors level education.

Eligibility

Applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria:

1. Applicants must be Inuit and interested in developing health research and planning skills relevant to northern Inuit lives;
2. Applicants must be either currently working in health policy, planning or provision or enrolled in a related education program;
3. Applicants must be Canadian citizens or have landed immigrant status;
4. Applicants must have research interests in northern applied health services and policy and/or population and public health research; and
5. Applicants must be committed to attending the entire Winter Institute.

Preference will be given to applications from Inuit living or working in the North as the program has the intention to further build northern Inuit capacity for these issues. However, applications from all Inuit meeting the eligibility criteria are encouraged. Any further inquiries regarding this criteria should be directed towards the program coordinator.

Expenses

The Winter Institute will cover the following costs:

- Lowest price economy air ticket from applicant's home to Ottawa, Ontario (domestic flights only).
- Accommodation will be arranged and paid for by the organizers for fourteen nights at the designated location.
- All meals during the three days of the winter institute will be provided (continental breakfast every morning in the residence, plus lunch, supper and snacks).
- Taxi fares from the airport to the location, and back, will be reimbursed.
- Tuition fee and course materials

The participant is responsible for any incidental transportation or expenses beyond that which is outlined above.

Application Information

Please print the application form and submit by mail to CIET-canada, 319-1 Stewart Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1N 6N5.

The application includes the following information:

- Contact information
- Current position, if applicable
- Academic background, as well as other information such as health-related employment experience
- Current academic status (including current transcript), if applicable
- General research/thesis interests - this includes both the topic area and the methodology
- Training expectations and contributions
- Name and contact information of your work or academic supervisor
Application Form

Surname

Given Name

Address (home)

Address (work)

Telephone (home)    Telephone (work)

Fax

Email

RELATED WORK

Current work position

Employer

Supervisor

Contact information for supervisor

Please explain how your work relates to health research and planning

RELATED EDUCATION

Present level of studies

☐ Undergraduate

☐ Masters

University

Faculty

Department

Supervisor

Contact information for supervisor

Please select one

☐ Inuit

☐ Non-Inuit

In which region do you currently reside or call home? (Please select one)

☐ Nunavik

☐ Inuvialuit

☐ Nunatsiavut

☐ Nunavut
If you do not currently reside in a Northern Inuit region, please briefly explain if you are planning to reside in the North and why? Please identify which of the four regions.

Please explain how your current studies relate to health research and planning

Please describe your health research and planning interests (for example: maternal health program planning, health promotion planning, child health research)

Please describe how training in health research and planning will contribute to your current work or work plan

Are you planning to continue onto graduate studies? If so, please identify the program and institution

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For more information regarding the application submission process, please contact Sara Tedford Gold (613-722-6975 or stedford@ciet.org) or Candyce Hamel (613-562-5393 or chamel@ciet.org).