



Kloshe Tillicum CIHR-IAPH Aboriginal Health Research Awards*

2011-12 GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS: Master's & PhD

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS – 15 December 2010

****Revised Eligibility -1 February 2010****

BACKGROUND

Kloshe Tillicum, one of nine Network Environments for Aboriginal Health Research (NEAHR) in Canada was developed through the Canadian Institutes of Health Research–Institute of Aboriginal Peoples Health (CIHR-IAPH) network initiative to improve health for all Aboriginal peoples. By creating gathering spaces for researchers and communities, building community capacity in Aboriginal health research, as well as providing Aboriginal health research scholarships to students, Kloshe Tillicum is working towards this goal in British Columbia (BC) and the Yukon Territory (YT).

The 4 R's of Aboriginal Health Research

Kirkness and Barnhardt's, *"First Nations and Higher Education: The Four R's – Respect, Relevance, Reciprocity, and Responsibility"* (1991) provides us with a useful framework for developing academic initiatives and student services. At Kloshe Tillicum we extend this model as a framework for the relationship between Aboriginal communities and university health research:

- **Respect** is demonstrated toward Aboriginal Peoples' cultures, communities and wellness by valuing diverse indigenous knowledges of health matters and by inclusion of appropriate contributing health science.
- **Relevance** is demonstrated by health training and research that is meaningful to indigenous peoples rather than the researcher(s) and academic research process.
- **Reciprocity** is accomplished through a two-way process of learning and research exchange. Both community and university benefit from effective training and research relationships.
- **Responsibility** is accomplished by active and rigorous self-reflection, engagement and consultation with community and an ongoing emphasis on roles and research ethics.

Purpose

To meet its goal of recruiting and improving access to Aboriginal health research training and promoting and supporting health research careers, Kloshe Tillicum offers annual student scholarships. The Aboriginal Health Research Scholarships are intended to support and increase the number of health professionals with Aboriginal health research skills and experience.

*KLOSHE TILLICUM Awards are funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research–Institute of Aboriginal Peoples' Health (CIHR-IAPH). All Scholarships are intended for student support only and CIHR award guidelines and restrictions apply.



TYPES OF GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Kloshe Tillicum offers two types of graduate Scholarships: Master's and PhD. The number and amounts of Scholarships in each category may vary depending on funding.

1. Master's Student - Health Research Scholarships

Up to four research Scholarships in the amount of \$17,850.00 each (per annum) are available to students who are conducting Aboriginal health research and are enrolled in a degree program.

2. PhD Student - Health Research Scholarships

Up to three research Scholarships in the amount of \$19,050.00 each (per annum) are available to students who are conducting Aboriginal health research and are enrolled in a degree program.

Scholarships are for a one-year term. Awardees may re-apply in subsequent years.

Disbursement of Funds: Time Period

The Kloshe Tillicum Aboriginal Health Research Scholarships are allocated on an annual basis. The term of this award is 1 April 2011 – March 31, 2012. Funds are dispersed in three instalments:

- 50% upon approval of application (including proof of acceptance into the academic program or mentorship program, letters of reference, etc.) and signed consent form;
- 40% upon receipt/review of a mid-term Formative Report due October 31, 2011;
- 10% upon successful completion of academic term and Summative Report on 31 March 2012.

ELIGIBILITY AND CONDITIONS

Eligibility

All candidates are expected to have an exceptionally high potential for future Aboriginal health research achievement and productivity. Priority will be given to Aboriginal applicants. Non-Aboriginal applicants will require an Aboriginal partnership.

This award is open to graduate students who:

- are either enrolled at a post-secondary institution in British Columbia (BC) or the Yukon Territory (YT) or have a supervisor affiliated with Kloshe Tillicum in BC or YT;
- are engaged in full-time Master's or Doctoral research training in which a research thesis or project is a major component;
- are studying any Aboriginal health discipline with a potential benefit of improving the health of Aboriginal peoples in BC or YT.



Additional Eligibility Information:

- Kloshe Tillicum does not **normally** provide funding beyond:
 - 2 years for a Master's degree;
 - 3 years for a PhD degree; and
 - 1 year for a Post-Doctorate Fellowship.
- All CIHR Award conditions and guidelines apply. See <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/193.html>.
- Applications focusing on any of Kloshe Tillicum's theme priorities are encouraged:
 - Indigenous Knowledge including Traditional Medicine;
 - Public Health and Public Health Promotion;
 - Aboriginal Research Ethics;
 - Complex Interactions of Factors which Determine the Health of Populations.

Conditions of Kloshe Tillicum Scholarships

- The applicant agrees to participate as a presenter in at least one of Kloshe Tillicum's research gatherings within 2 years of receipt of the grant.
- The applicant agrees to have their names, titles of their research and their findings available on Kloshe Tillicum public materials including but not limited to the website, newsletters, published materials, gatherings, etc.
- The applicant agrees, where appropriate, to link with an aboriginal community or agency which the applicant will collaborate with, mentor a community researcher, or present findings outlined in their final report.
- The applicant agrees to have all relevant requirements in place including consents for photos and ethics review requirements. Kloshe Tillicum reserves the right to request proof of these.

Adjudication

Once determined to be complete, applications are reviewed by a panel of peer reviewers who are active Aboriginal Health researchers. Review criteria are posted on the Kloshe Tillicum Website. Decisions will be announced on 31 March 2011. Applicants may request a review of a decision.



APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

Please submit an application package containing the following:

- 1) A completed **APPLICATION FORM** (attached). Incomplete forms will not be processed.
- 2) An **APPLICATION PROPOSAL** describing the applicant's research project, integrating the 4 R's of Aboriginal Health Research (see page 1), and outlining the research question and proposed methodologies. In addition, the proposal must demonstrate the researcher's reasons for choosing the project (maximum four pages)
- 3) A two-page **CAREER STATEMENT** describing career goals, academic program and activities that support Kloshe Tillicum's Aboriginal health research goals.
- 4) A two-page **CURRICULUM VITAE** with emphasis on experience in Aboriginal health.
- 5) Three sealed **LETTERS OF REFERENCE (OR REFEREE FORMS)**, attached) with the referee's signature on the envelope seal. All letters must be received at the Kloshe Tillicum office by the application deadline of 4:30 pm on 28 February 2011.
 - a) One reference must be from the applicant's research supervisor if the applicant is in the research stage of her/his studies or from an academic referee such as an instructor.
 - b) One reference must be from an Aboriginal community or organization which can clearly demonstrate the applicant's commitment to Aboriginal health and if possible, community support for the research being carried out.
 - c) One reference must be a personal reference from someone who has known the applicant for a minimum of 3 years and can speak from a broad perspective about the applicant.
- 6) **OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS** (must be original – no photocopies accepted). Please indicate if the institution will be sending the transcript directly to the Kloshe Tillicum office on the application checklist. Include transcripts from the current and the most recent previous degree.
- 7) **CONSENT FORM** (attached) in which the applicant agrees to allow Kloshe Tillicum to include their name, research project title, abstract and final findings in its public activities.
- 8) **Send completed APPLICATION by 4:30pm, 28 February 2011 to:**

Kloshe Tillicum Scholarship Review Committee
303B – 2125 Main Mall
Vancouver, BC, V6T 1Z4

sharon.thira@ubc.ca

Fax: 604.822.8234



APPLICATION INFORMATION

This application contains 11 pages:

Application Guidelines5 pages
 Application Form2 pages
 Consent Form..... 1 page
 Optional Referee Forms3 pages

Suggestions for filling out the application:

- adhere to the size limits set for each requested document
- be precise, concise and clear
- this is a formal application, be formal in the presentation of your materials
- provide only the documents requested; if you are missing a document provide an explanation for its absence
- speak from your own interests and perspective
- do not overstate or understate your involvement in research projects
- ensure that all of your material reflects your interest in, experience with and future goals towards Aboriginal Health research
- seek reference letters early as these can take some time
- Referee forms (below) may be used in lieu of letters (do not submit letters and forms)
- Referees may email their signed, scanned letters or forms; Kloshe Tillicum may contact referees who email their references

Application Checklist

✓	1.	Application Form	2 pages
	2.	Research Proposal	4 pages
	3.	Career Goals	2 pages
	4.	Curriculum Vitae	2 pages
	5.	Letter of reference: research supervisor or instructor	
	6.	Letter of reference: personal	
	7.	Letter of reference: community	
	8.	Official Transcripts	
	9.	Consent Form	1 page
	10.	Deadline is met: 4:30pm, 28 February 2011	

For Application Information:

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Director
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**Kloshe Tillicum CIHR-IAPH Aboriginal Health Research Awards - Graduate Scholarships
2011-12 APPLICATION FORM**

Student Information	
Last Name:	First Name:
Address:	
City:	Province:
Postal Code:	E-mail:
Home Phone:	Work Phone:
Student Number:	SIN:
Tribal/Band Affiliation (if applicable):	
Aboriginal Ancestry: <input type="checkbox"/> Status <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Status <input type="checkbox"/> First Nations <input type="checkbox"/> Inuit <input type="checkbox"/> Métis <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable	
Have you applied for the former BC ACADRE or NEARBC research award in the past? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, indicate which years you applied and if you were successful:
	Year: <input type="checkbox"/> Successful <input type="checkbox"/> Unsuccessful
	Year: <input type="checkbox"/> Successful <input type="checkbox"/> Unsuccessful
	Year: <input type="checkbox"/> Successful <input type="checkbox"/> Unsuccessful
	Year: <input type="checkbox"/> Successful <input type="checkbox"/> Unsuccessful

Please keep your contact information updated to avoid delays in payment.

Academic Information	
University/College: (campus, location)	
Education Program/Faculty:	
Faculty Mentor/Supervisor:	
Name of Research Project:	
Level of Study:	<input type="checkbox"/> Master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD
Year of Study:	How long is your program? (i.e. for a two-year program write the number "2") What program year are you currently enrolled in? (i.e. for year one, write "1")
Anticipated Date of Completion:	



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2011-12 APPLICATION FORM—contd.**

Please list all awards that you have received and/or are pending (use additional pages if necessary).

Scholarships & Scholarships		
Applied to: (eg. SSHRC, CIHR)	Date Applied:	Amount
		\$ <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Requested
		\$ <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Requested
		\$ <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Requested
		\$ <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Requested
		\$ <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Requested

Required Documentation Checklist	
Fellowship Applied for:	<input type="checkbox"/> Master's <input type="checkbox"/> PhD
Name of Institution(s):	Name of Reference(s): 1. 2. 3.
Application Proposal attached: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Letters of Reference attached: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Statement of Career Goals attached: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Curriculum Vitae attached: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Official Transcript(s) attached: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	OR being sent under separate cover: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Transcripts must show present level of education. Unofficial transcripts or photocopies will not be accepted.	

Declaration	
I understand that KLOSHE TILLICUM reserves the right to revoke any award offer if any of the information in this application is found to be untrue or fraudulent. I solemnly swear that to the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this application is complete and accurate. I agree to allow the use of my name and picture for promotional purposes and to be contacted upon graduation to verify my employment status or additional updated information.	
Signature:	Date:



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2011 CONSENT FORM**

Use and disclosure of Personal Information in Peer-Reviewed Processes

All information submitted by applicants to Kloshe Tillicum competitions is used for the following purposes: 1) to review applications and administer awards; 2) to promote and support Aboriginal health research in British Columbia and the Yukon Territory; 3) to plan future Kloshe Tillicum awards activity.

1. For **review** purposes, applications are available to:
 - a. Kloshe Tillicum Advisory Bodies and Staff who are directly and/or indirectly involved with the review and award administration process.
 - b. External Referees who may be invited in certain circumstances to participate in the review. Kloshe Tillicum informs all reviewers of their obligations to maintain confidentiality. The comments of the review committee about an application are provided to the applicant and review committee only.
 - c. Funding Partners who may increase the total numbers of applications funded (if and when applicable).
 - d. Observers who may be funding partners, staff in training, conflict of interest specialists and review specialists.

2. For the purposes of **public information**, Kloshe Tillicum routinely publishes and disseminates certain details about funding decisions including the name of the successful applicant, the institution, the research location, the project title and a summary of the research proposed. For student awards: the supervisor's name, institution, department and faculty will also be published. This information is normally posted to the Kloshe Tillicum website, upon award approval. At the end of research projects, Kloshe Tillicum may publish summary findings. In addition, Kloshe Tillicum routinely uses non-identifying information to compile statistics about Aboriginal health research being conducted in BC and YT.

3. For **administrative and planning** purposes, Kloshe Tillicum uses all information submitted by applicants for program planning, evaluation, review and audits, and for generating statistics for these activities. This information is also used to generate mailing lists for dissemination of Kloshe Tillicum publications and other information to the research community.

I, _____, have applied for the _____
(Print Name) (Award Name)

I have read the above and indicate my agreement by affixing my signature below.

Signature	Date



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2011-12 RESEARCH/INSTRUCTOR REFERENCE**

This form may be used instead of a letter of reference. Please submit references in an envelope with signature on the seal.

Name of Referee:		Phone:	
		Email:	
Address:			
Institution:		Position:	
Research Focus:			
Please rank the applicant in terms of research: 0=Poor, 1=Fair, 2=Good, 3=Very Good, 4=Excellent, (5=Unknown)			
	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Remarks:</i>	
Writing Skills			
Research Skills			
Intellectual Capacity			
Cultural Appropriateness			
Scholarly Ability			
All-round Ability			
Please indicate courses the applicant has taken with you including class rank. Please comment on applicant's aptitude for research and why you think applicant is deserving of a fellowship.			
Please comment on the applicant's academic strengths and potential for completing graduate research.			
Signature		Date	



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2011-12 PERSONAL REFERENCE

This form may be used instead of a letter of reference. Please submit references in an envelope with signature on the seal.

Name of Referee:	
Address/Phone:	Phone:
Relationship to applicant:	
Length of Time you've known the applicant:	
What makes this applicant deserving of an Aboriginal Health Research Fellowship:	
What personal qualities will the applicant bring to Aboriginal Health Research:	
What professional qualities makes the applicant a good candidate to pursue Aboriginal Health Research:	
Additional comments:	
Signature	Date



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2011-12 COMMUNITY REFERENCE

This form may be used instead of a letter of reference. Please submit references in an envelope with signature on the seal.

Community/Organization to fill this section

Name of
Community/Organization:

Contact Name:

Address/Phone:

Phone:

Relevant community/organization
health issue/focus:

Support for the Researcher (include how long you've known the applicant; professional abilities; why you support their application for funding):

Scholarship Applicant to fill this section

Explain how research project is relevant to the community/organization:

Explain how you will collaborate with community or agency; mentor a community researcher; or present final findings.

Signature (Community/Organization)

Date