

Request for Proposals: Aboriginal People's Survey 2017

Background and Purpose:

The 2017 edition of the Aboriginal People's Survey (APS), which collects data on Inuit, Métis and First Nations people living off-reserve, was recently made available through the Research Data Centres (RDCs). Alongside Statistics Canada, the Canadian Research Data Centres Network (CRDCN) oversees the collection of 32 RDC sites at universities across Canada, advocates for greater data access, and provides training opportunities for nearly 2000 researchers. CRDCN has partnered with Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) to offer a series of \$7,500 grants to early-career researchers (including students and post-doctoral fellows) for research projects that make use of the APS 2017. More information about the APS 2017, including survey design and the questionnaire, is available [here](#).

These grants are a successor to a previous partnership between Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada and the CRDCN in 2015, which focused on analysis of the the 2012 APS. Ten student teams were funded with this call and a summary of the projects and their findings can be found [here](#). The primary aims of the partnership are to encourage early career researchers to take an interest in Indigenous research and to fill a gap in Tri-Council funding, which tends to focus on larger projects for more senior researchers.

Proposal Details:

All proposed projects should make use of the APS 2017, though other data sources can also be used. Complete proposals will include a completed [RDC proposal template](#) and will be submitted through [an application form on the CRDCN website](#). To facilitate fair adjudication, no personally identifying information should be present in the completed proposal template. The deadline for proposals is March 31, 2020.

Student applicants must also attach to their application a letter of support from a faculty-member who will assist in developing and monitoring the project.

Proposal Adjudication:

Successful proposals will focus on policy-relevant areas, most notably economic participation, which is the focus of the 2017 APS. Other important topics that can be studied using the APS (e.g. health, labour mobility, entrepreneurship, postsecondary education, targeted skills training, income and financial well-being) will not be discounted, and indeed, preference will be given to proposals that cut across multiple themes.

A committee that includes, at minimum, one representative from CIRNAC and two academic experts, will evaluate the proposals. All proposals will be evaluated along the following four dimensions:

1. Appropriateness of the dataset/datasets to support the proposed analysis.
2. Appropriateness of the theory and method(s) proposed.
3. Identification of government or policy interventions that might be informed by the proposed analysis.

4. Overall quality of the proposal and its potential beneficial impacts.

It is the desire of both CRDCN and CIRNAC that Indigenous researchers be supported in their efforts to study Indigenous issues. Accordingly, preference will be given to support projects deemed meritorious that are led by Indigenous researchers.

Funding:

Up to ten meritorious projects will be funded at \$7,500, with half of the funding payable at the start of the project, and half after completion.

Deliverables:

At the completion of their project, successful applicants will be required to provide, to CRDCN, a report outlining their research process and findings *on or before February 28, 2021*. The final payment will be conditional on receipt of this report. All intellectual property resulting from the research conducted will remain with the researchers, and researchers are encouraged to publish their findings in scholarly journals. Researchers may be asked to grant permission to Indigenous Services Canada and/or Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada to reproduce key figures from their work.

Questions about the APS or other Statistics Canada datasets can be directed to your local RDC analyst. Any questions about the CRDCN, this opportunity, or the proposal process should be directed to [the CRDCN](#).