



Co-operative Education Program (Co-op) 2021-2022 Call for Proposals

Objectives

The Co-op has the following objectives:

- to promote the benefits of education as key to labour market participation
- to support the development and enhancement of essential employability skills among First Nations youth such as communication skills, problem solving and working with others
- to introduce youth to a variety of career options
- to support the provision of mentored school-based work and study opportunities such as co-operative education and internships
- to help First Nations youth overcome barriers to employment

Expected results

Key expected results of the Co-op are:

- enhanced employability skills for participating First Nations youth
- increased awareness of the benefits of education
- enhanced ability to make employment-related decisions
- improved attitudes toward the transition from school to work
- increased ability of First Nations youth to participate in the labour market

Eligible recipients

Eligible recipients for co-operative education activities are First Nations schools on reserve.

Eligible participants

Co-operative education eligible participants are First Nations youth in grades 7 to 12, enrolled in and attending a First Nations school who are ordinarily resident on reserve.

Activities

The key activities of Co-op are:

- training experiences that support youth in acquiring skills needed for work placements
- career development information, including awareness and support activities like career fairs and leadership projects
- career planning and counselling activities

Expenditures

For co-operative education placements and internships

- salaries for Program Coordinator, Lead Teacher (not already covered by other ISC funding, including TEFA core funding or elementary / secondary education or band support/tribal council funding)
- Other necessary costs directly related to a work placement including, but not limited to, criminal record check, uniforms required by the workplace, person safety gear such as

- work boots, safety hats up to a maximum of \$300 per participant
- actual costs for special equipment and facilities to accommodate the needs of a disabled individual, up to a maximum of \$3,000 per participant
- staff training directly related to co-operative education
- other incidental co-op and internship placement costs including insurance for students during their co-op or internship placement
- travel for co-op coordinator/teacher to meet employers
- participant costs such as living expenses, travel costs and room and board.

Ineligible expenditures

- co-op education placements:
 - salaries or wages for students
 - dependent care or daycare
 - office infrastructure of equipment purchases such as computer and software
 - Capital costs for the construction of a building (other than small repairs or renovations to support the participation of persons with disabilities) or the purchase of land or buildings

Proposals Due: Friday, October 29, 2021

Submit to: kyleem@fnesc.ca or by fax to 604-925-6097

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