

AAHRP Postdoctoral Fellowship Program¹

The Atlantic Aboriginal Health Research Program (AAHRP) is one of nine Centres of the Network Environments for Aboriginal Health Research (NEAHR) program, which is an initiative of the CIHR - Institute of Aboriginal Peoples' Health. The aim of the NEAHR program is to increase regional and national capacity for Aboriginal health research and to support the development of a collaborative network of Aboriginal health researchers across Canada. The Atlantic Aboriginal Health Research Program (AAHRP), Dalhousie University was established in 2002 after a year of dialogue with Aboriginal communities and universities in the Atlantic region. It has its origins with the Mi'kmaq Health Research Group (MHRG), an advisory body to the Union of Nova Scotia Indians (UNSI), formed to advise the latter about the conduct of the First Nation and Inuit Regional Health Survey.

Among its objectives, the AAHRP aims to advance capacity and infrastructure in Aboriginal health research, ethics, and knowledge exchange by increasing the number of health researchers in the specialty of Aboriginal health by providing supportive environments for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal research trainees who wish to pursue careers in this field.

¹ Based on the CIHR Fellowship program.



▶ **Post-doctoral Funding**

AAHRP is now accepting applications from qualified candidates at the post-doctoral level for fellowship funding to pursue research in one of the following areas: social determinants of health, intervention research, health services.

▶ **Objective**

The specific objective of this funding opportunity is to support a junior researcher who is pursuing post-doctoral, community-based Aboriginal health research within Atlantic Canada.

▶ **Funds Available**

The maximum amount awarded is \$50,000/year for up to 2 years. The breakdown of funding is a \$46,200 stipend plus a research allowance of \$3,800.

▶ **Eligibility**

In order for your application to be eligible:

1. You must have a completed PhD from a recognized institution, or will have completed a PhD upon the commencement of the post-doctoral award.
2. You must have a confirmed post-doctoral supervisor at a Canadian university.
3. Your research involves the health of Aboriginal peoples within Atlantic Canada.
4. You have a reasonably established publication record.
5. You have a proven record of working with Aboriginal community members and/or Aboriginal organizations.
6. You have a willingness to participate in and contribute to AAHRP (regional) and NEAHR (national) activities.
7. Individuals already holding a post-doctoral award from the Tri-Council are not eligible to apply.



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▶ **Important Dates**

Deadline to apply is April 1, 2011.

Notice of decision is May 15, 2011.

▶ **Effective Date**

The award must be taken up within 12 months of the date of the offer.

▶ **Submission Requirements**

1. Common CIHR Application CV Module with attachments (validated for CIHR).
2. Up-to-date official transcripts for all graduate studies (Master's and PhD).
3. Letters of reference from three people with whom the candidate has trained and who have had adequate opportunity to assess the candidate's potential for research. Assessments should be provided by the candidate's PhD supervisor, post-doctoral supervisor (where applicable), and from an Aboriginal community leader or Aboriginal community organization.
4. Two-page statement of research interests.
5. Covering letter.

Please submit your complete application to Carla Moore (AAHRP Director) electronically at carla.moore@dal.ca or by mail to the Millbrook Administration Building, c/o Carla Moore, 820 Willow St., PO Box 634, Truro, NS, B2N 5E5 (B2N 6N8 for courier).

AAHRP would like to thank all those who apply; however, only those applicants invited to an interview will be contacted.

