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## **POLICY**

Aurora College will expand its research capacity by creating partnerships with researchers through the Researcher-in-Residence Program.

## **PRINCIPLES**

1. Aurora College recognizes the importance of advancing the knowledge of the Northwest Territories (NWT) and northern Canada.
2. Aurora College promotes research related to northern, territorial, municipal, and college priorities.
3. Aurora College encourages partnerships and collaboration with researchers from other institutions.
4. Partnering with established and successful researchers promotes the building of knowledge and research capacity within Aurora College and the NWT.
5. Aurora College supports the research endeavours of northern researchers.

## **SCOPE**

This policy applies to researchers external to Aurora College.

### **1 PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

- 1.1 The Vice President, Research or a designee from the Research Division - Aurora Research Institute (ARI) manages the Researcher-in-Residence Program (“the Program”).
- 1.2 Visiting researchers will be chosen via an application and selection process.
- 1.3 The residency period for visiting researchers will be no less than four (4) consecutive months and no greater than twelve (12) months.
- 1.4 The visiting researcher will be based at one or more of the ARI regional research centres during their period of residency.
- 1.5 Aurora College will provide the visiting researcher with in-kind support (e.g. office/lab space, library resources, and information systems access).

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- 1.6 Aurora College may provide the visiting researcher with a small stipend (to be determined by the Vice President, Research in consultation with the Director of Finance/Chief Financial Officer).

## **2 APPLICATION AND SELECTION**

- 2.1 As part of managing the Program, the Vice President, Research (or designee) will:
- i. Establish and review the application and selection process, eligibility criteria, and selection criteria;
  - ii. Establish and publish program guidelines; and
  - iii. Establish and publish application guidelines and deadlines.
- 2.2 Eligibility criteria will include, at a minimum:
- i. Applicant was awarded a PhD five (5) or more years prior to the start of the residency; or
  - ii. Applicant does not hold a PhD but has exceptional research experience; and
  - iii. The proposed research project requires the researcher to be present in the NWT for an extended amount of time; and
  - iv. The applicant must be on a period of approved leave from a position to which they will return at the end of the residency.
- 2.3 Applications will include, at a minimum:
- i. Completed application form;
  - ii. Curriculum vitae;
  - iii. Letter of support from applicant's supervisor; and
  - iv. A short biography.
- 2.4 Selection criteria will include, at a minimum:
- i. A clear explanation why the success of the proposed research project requires the researcher to be present in the NWT for an extended amount of time;
  - ii. A clear description of how the researcher will actively partner with the College and/or community organizations to provide meaningful educational opportunities and build knowledge and research capacity; and
  - iii. Evidence to demonstrate that the proposed research project has a strong likelihood of success.
- 2.5 Preference will be given to researchers who are partnering with ARI and Aurora College to work on joint research projects.

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**SUPPORTING PROCEDURES, FORMS, AND RULES**

The Vice President, Research (or designee) is responsible for managing the supporting procedures, forms, and rules for this policy.

**RELATED POLICIES**

None

**RELATED AURORA COLLEGE BYLAWS**

None

**FACT SHEET****DATES:**

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