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Indigenous Knowledge Holders Council

Northwest Territories

2023 Application Form

Call for Applications: November 6 to December 15, 2023

This application form is ONLY for NWT Indigenous individuals who wish to be considered in the application process for selecting members of the Aurora College Indigenous Knowledge Holders Council.

Aurora College's new tri-cameral governance model, comprised of the Board of Governors, Academic Council, and Indigenous Knowledge Holders Council, is the first of its kind within Canadian post-secondary institutions. Together, these three bodies will make decisions and recommendations on strategic directions, the business of the College, and on academics and research. The new governance system will help Aurora College become increasingly effective, efficient, sustainable, and better positioned to identify and respond to the needs of Northern residents.

The Indigenous Knowledge Holders Council will be integral to the tri-cameral governance structure, playing a pivotal role in shaping the institution's strategic direction and decision-making processes. The Council's main purpose will be to promote policies and operational decisions that foster the success of Indigenous students and staff at Aurora College, and the overall success of Aurora College.

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for the Indigenous Knowledge Holders Council (IKHC), applicants must be:

- Indigenous individuals born in the Northwest Territories (NWT), or Indigenous individuals who have lived at least half their life in NWT;
- Priority will be given to Indigenous applicants who reside in the NWT.

****Feel free to use extra pages if required for answers.****

Section A: Applicant’s Contact and General Information

Name (Given name[s] and surname):	
Mailing Address (PO Box / Street Address):	
City / Town / Community:	
Postal Code:	
Email:	
Home, Work, and / or Cell Phone Numbers:	

Section B: Applicant’s Indigenous Affiliation, Education and Lived Experiences

<p>1. Please indicate your Indigenous Government affiliation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Inuvialuit Regional Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Gwich’in Tribal Council <input type="checkbox"/> Sahtu Dene Council <input type="checkbox"/> Dehcho First Nation <input type="checkbox"/> Tłı̨chǫ Government <input type="checkbox"/> Akaitcho Territory Government <input type="checkbox"/> NWT Métis Nation <input type="checkbox"/> North Slave Métis Alliance <input type="checkbox"/> Salt River First Nation <input type="checkbox"/> Smith’s Landing First Nation <input type="checkbox"/> Other First Nation, Métis, or Inuit Nation – please identify <hr/>
<p>2. Tell us why you are interested in applying to be a member of the Indigenous Knowledge Holders Council?</p> <p><i>(e.g. I wish to serve on the Council to promote the Indigenous ways of knowing and doing at Aurora College; I wish to contribute my skills, gifts, and abilities to improving Aurora College’s Indigenous approach to education; I would like to see more Indigenous peoples be a part of Aurora College’s governance structure.)</i></p>	

3. What are your experiences or familiarity with the Western education system?

(e.g. I attended Kindergarten to Grade 12 schools; I attended post-secondary education; I shared my Indigenous / traditional knowledge with students and staff in schools and /or post-secondary classes; I was a member of school District Education Authorities [DEAs] / Divisional Education Councils [DECs].)

4. How do your lived experiences show that you practice the relationships of respect – To self? To others, especially Elders, family and community? To the land? To the spiritual world?

(e.g. I lead a good life and ensure a healthy lifestyle [self]; I spend time with Elders, visiting and eating with them [others]; I harvest cranberries, moose, fur, etc. from the land, ensuring that I pay the land / water for what I take; I participate in Indigenous ceremony, paying attention to protocols, and respecting the land [spirit world].)

5. What Indigenous traditional or cultural activities are you involved in, or have been involved in? How have they shaped your life as an Indigenous person?

(e.g. I train, run, and care for sled dogs with my family, as it is a way to strengthen my identity as a dog musher, and I honour my family and Ancestors who used sled dogs as a mode of transportation for hunting, trapping, and travelling with their family long ago.)

6. What are some activities that demonstrate / have demonstrated your leadership in strengthening, revitalizing, and promoting Indigenous cultures, worldviews, and perspectives in your work or in community life?

(e.g. I organize and spend time with youth in my community drumming program, not only teaching youth to drum, but also storytelling about the importance of the drum in our Indigenous traditions, culture, and ways of connecting with the Great Spirit through the drumming, prayers, and dancing.)

7. What are some activities that demonstrate / have demonstrated your leadership in strengthening, revitalizing, and promoting Indigenous cultures, worldviews, and perspectives in the NWT education system – Early learning centres, JK-Grade 12, Adult or post-secondary education?

(e.g. I visit my son's day care and volunteer as a cultural resource person; I give demonstrations at the school, such as beading, harvesting wild meat, or preparing fur pelts; I assist instructors at the college during on-the-land activities.)

8. What are your experiences or familiarity with your Indigenous languages?

(e.g. I respect and honour my Indigenous language and plan to take steps to learn my Indigenous language; I learn my Indigenous language with my Grandmother, Auntie, Uncle, etc. then practice it in my home with my family; I teach my Indigenous language in schools and / or community language programs; I have taken Indigenous language linguistic courses, etc.)

Section C: Declaration

I declare that the information in this application is accurate and complete.

IKHC Applicant's (NAME): _____ (Please print)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Application Checklist – Only Completed Applications will be Considered

Further Information Related to the Application Process:

- ✓ *Applications can be submitted in the printed form, then scanned and emailed or faxed;*
- ✓ *Video applications will be accepted – applicants can video themselves responding to the questions in the application form and submit the video via email; or*
- ✓ *Verbal applications will be accepted – applicants can connect with the IKHC Special Advisor, and complete a verbal application process, telephoning 867-920-3259; or*
- ✓ *Applications will also be available at Aurora College's 19 Community Learning Centres (CLC), and applicants can request assistance and support in their home community from the CLC Community Adult Educator in completing the application form.*

Please note: *The 13 selected applicants will be required to provide Document Evidence related to place of birth, residency and social insurance number before recommendations to the Aurora College Board of Governors are approved in March 2024.*

Required documents:

- Copy of birth certificate, or a copy of valid Canadian passport, or a copy of status card issued by Indigenous Services Canada; **AND**
 - Proof of residency – Copy of one (1) valid document that shows your name and current home address to confirm that the NWT is your place of residence, e.g. signed mortgage, rental or lease agreement, rent receipt, utility bill (water, gas, oil, or power), or property tax form;
- OR**
- Proof of living more than half your life in the NWT: letter or email from Health Services Administration indicating the initial date of NWT health card use.

Questions

For more information about Aurora College's Indigenous Knowledge Holders Council related to questions about or help with completing an application, please contact the IKHC Special Advisor:

Phone: 867-920-3259

Email: ajames@auroracollege.nt.ca

Online Link: [IKHC Application Form](#) – click to access form

Submission

Please submit completed applications to:

- Indigenous Knowledge Holders Council Aurora College email at IKHC@auroracollege.nt.ca
OR
- Aurora College Community Adult Educator – in any of the 19 Community Learning Centres

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All personal information contained on this form is collected under the authority of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act Section 40(c)(i) and is used for the purposes of the Indigenous Knowledge Holders Council selection process. Any questions relating to the collection and use of personal information on this form may be directed to the IKHC Special Advisor at 867-920-3259 or ajames@auroracollege.nt.ca