



# Kloshe Tillicum

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Aboriginal Health Research Network for British Columbia and the Western North



## **Aboriginal Health Research Fellowships Call for Applications – January 18, 2010**

### **Background**

Kloshe Tillicum, one of the 9 NEAHR (CIHR) networks was developed to improve health for all Aboriginal people. Our goal is to focus on health issues specific to Aboriginal people by creating gathering spaces for researchers and communities, building Aboriginal capacity for health research, as well as providing Aboriginal health research awards and fellowships. *To this end, Aboriginal students are strongly urged to apply.*

### **The 4 R's of Aboriginal Health Research**

Kirkness and Barnhardt's, "First Nations and higher education: The four R's – respect, relevance, reciprocity, and responsibility" provided us with a useful framework for developing academic initiatives and student services. At Kloshe Tillicum we believe that it also provides a model for the relationship between Aboriginal communities and university health research and we promote and support its continued use.

1. **Respect** is demonstrated toward Aboriginal Peoples' cultures and communities by valuing their diverse knowledge of health matters and toward health science knowledge that contributes to Aboriginal community health and wellness.
2. **Relevance** to culture and community is critical for the success of Aboriginal health training and research.
3. **Reciprocity** is accomplished through a two-way process of learning and research exchange. Both community and university benefit from effective training and research relationships.
4. **Responsibility** is empowerment and is fostered through active and rigorous engagement and participation.

### **Purpose**

One of the goals of the Kloshe Tillicum Network Environment for Aboriginal Health Research BCWAY is to recruit and improve access to Aboriginal health research training programs and promote and support health research careers. The Aboriginal Health Research Fellowships are intended to support and increase the number of health professionals with Aboriginal health research skills and experience.

\*KLOSHE TILLICUM Aboriginal Health Research Fellowships are funded by Canadian Institutes of Health Research – Institute of Aboriginal Peoples' Health (CIHR-IAPH), therefore all CIHR-IAPH guidelines for CIHR-IAPH apply. As per the CIHR funding allocation, these fellowships are for student support only and are not intended for operational funding.

## **Eligibility**

- The applicant must be either enrolled at a post-secondary institution in British Columbia, the Yukon or Northwest Territories or if enrolled at a post-secondary institution outside British Columbia, the student's supervisor must be affiliated with Kloshe Tillicum and situated in British Columbia, the Yukon or Northwest Territories.
- The applicant's intended research must be related to Aboriginal health and be of benefit to Aboriginal people of BC, Yukon or NWT.

## **Conditions of Kloshe Tillicum Fellowships**

- The applicant agrees to participate as a presenter in at least one of Kloshe Tillicum's research gatherings within 2 years of receipt of the grant.
- The applicant agrees to have their names, titles of their research and their findings available on Kloshe Tillicum public materials including but not limited to the website, newsletters, published materials, gatherings and other.
- The applicant agrees, where appropriate, to link with an aboriginal community or agency which the applicant will collaborate with, mentor a community researcher, or present findings outlined in their final report.

## **Types of Health Research Fellowships**

The following Aboriginal Health Research Fellowships are offered by Kloshe Tillicum. (NOTE: Depending on renewal of funding, numbers and amounts of the fellowships in the categories may vary.)

### **1. Theme Fellowships**

A maximum of four graduate student fellowships (Master's or PhD level) are available for students who are interested in applying for one of the Kloshe Tillicum theme priorities outlined below. Applicants must demonstrate how their research relates to one of the four key themes:

- a) Indigenous Knowledge including Traditional Medicine;
- b) Infectious Diseases;
- c) Complex Interactions of Factors which Determine the Health of Populations;
- d) Aboriginal Research Ethics.

There may be overlap among the themes.

**KLOSHE TILLICUM Aboriginal Health Theme Fellowships are for 1 year only.  
All awardees must reapply and compete for additional years.**

## **2. Master's Student - Health Research Fellowships**

Two to six research fellowships in the amount of \$17,850.00 each (per annum) are available to students enrolled in a graduate degree program who are conducting Aboriginal health research.

**KLOSHE TILLICUM Master's Student Health Research Fellowships are for 1 year only. All awardees must reapply and compete for additional years.**

## **3. PhD Student - Health Research Fellowships**

Two to six research fellowships in the amount of to \$19,050.00 each (per annum) are available to students enrolled in a degree program who are conducting Aboriginal health research.

**KLOSHE TILLICUM PhD Student Health Research Fellowships are for 1 year only. All awardees must reapply and compete for additional years.**

## **4. Post Doctoral Fellowship**

Kloshe Tillicum will award one Post Doctoral Fellowship in Aboriginal Health Research in the amount of \$36,750.00. The individual will have an association with an appropriate academic department. Applications are sought from exceptional scholars who are near completion or recently completed a PhD study of high calibre, involving Aboriginal health research. Individuals with a proven record of cultural involvement, who are interested in teaching and mentoring, and who are positive role models for other Aboriginal graduate students are invited to apply.

The Post-Doctoral Fellow will:

- Work with a BC, Yukon or NWT based supervisor;
- Develop independent research;
- Support the development of research tools and resources;
- Publish research findings;
- Develop and expand personal research networks;
- Develop teaching skills and increase experience;
- Assist in mentoring students (undergraduate and graduate when appropriate); and
- Gain experience and involvement in national and international Aboriginal research initiatives and networking.

**This fellowship is awarded on a one time basis only and is therefore non-renewable.**

## **Disbursement of Funds: Time Period**

The Kloshe Tillicum Aboriginal Health Research Fellowships are allocated on an annual basis. The applicable time period for these health research awards is April 1, 2010 – March 31, 2011. Funds are dispersed in three instalments:

- 50% on approval of application (including proof of acceptance into the academic program or mentorship program, letters of reference, etc.);
- 40% on receipt/review of a Mid Term Progress Report due October 31, 2010;
- 10% upon successful completion of academic term and final report.

## **Application Procedures:**

**Application packages for *all* Kloshe Tillicum research fellowships must include the following materials:**

1. A completed application form (attached).
2. An application proposal:
  - a. ***For Masters and PhD applicants:*** a maximum of four pages describing the applicant's research project. The proposal must demonstrate how the 4 R's of Aboriginal Health Research (page 1) are integrated into their project.  
  
**For theme-focussed proposals, applicants must clearly indicate which theme(s) they are applying under and the application must demonstrate integration of the relevant theme into their research project.**
  - b. ***For Post Doctoral fellows:*** a maximum of up to six pages describing their research project. The proposal must integrate: 1) the 4 R's of Aboriginal Health Research (page 1); 2) The applicant's potential for leadership in Aboriginal health; 3) The applicant's plan for developing a teaching portfolio which includes the mentoring of graduate students; 4) The applicant's plan for collaboration and networking in national and international research initiatives.
3. A two-page statement describing career goals, academic program and activities that support the goals of Kloshe Tillicum.
4. A two-page curriculum vitae.
5. Either three **sealed** letters of reference or 3 referee forms (attached) **with the referee's signature on the envelope seal. All letters must be included in the Application Package and received at the Kloshe Tillicum office by the application deadline of 4:30 pm on March 15, 2010.**

- One reference must be from the applicant's research supervisor if the applicant is in the research stage of her/his studies or from an academic referee such as an instructor.
  - One reference must be from an Aboriginal community or organization which can clearly demonstrate the applicant's commitment to Aboriginal health and ideally, support for the research being carried out.
  - One reference must be a character reference from someone who has known the applicant for a minimum of 2 years.
6. An official transcript (must be original – no photocopies accepted). Please indicate if the institution will be sending the transcript directly to the Kloshe Tillicum office on the application checklist.
  7. The applicant agrees to allow Kloshe Tillicum to include their name, research project title, abstract and final findings in its public activities. Please fill out attached consent form.
  8. The applicant must demonstrate a linkage with an Aboriginal community or agency to meet Kloshe Tillicum's goals of health research capacity transference to Aboriginal health researchers and/or communities.

*Please note: It is the student's and supervisor's responsibility to ensure appropriate research ethics requirements have been fulfilled. Kloshe Tillicum reserves the right to request proof of this requirement.*

**Please send all application materials, including transcripts to:**

Dr. Rod McCormick  
c/o Sharon Thira, Director  
**Kloshe Tillicum (NEARBCWAY)**  
Faculty of Education  
303B - 2125 Main Mall  
Vancouver BC, V6T 1Z4

**Application Deadline:**

Complete application packages must be received by KLOSHE TILlicUM no later than **4:30pm on March 15, 2010**. Successful applications will be notified by mid-April 2010.

**(Please note Application Deadline is firm)**

***In summary: Application packages for KLOSHE TILLICUM fellowships must include:***

1. Completed application form (attached).
2. Application proposal.
3. Career statement.
4. Curriculum vitae.
5. Three references.
6. An official transcript.
7. Consent Form (attached).
8. Community Linkage Form (attached).

**For More Information Please Contact:**

Sharon Thira, Director  
**Kloshe Tillicum (NEARBCWAY)**  
Faculty of Education  
303B - 2125 Main Mall  
Vancouver BC, V6T 1Z4

**(604)-847-5464**

[shathi@interchange.ubc.ca](mailto:shathi@interchange.ubc.ca)

Please complete this application form fully.

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### APPLICATION FORM– 2010-2011

#### **Required Documentation Checklist** (as per Call for Applications guidelines)

Fellowship Name: _____ (theme, graduate, post-graduate, post-doctoral)	
Application Proposal attached (with all required sections as per application guidelines): <input type="checkbox"/> yes	
Curriculum Vitae attached: <input type="checkbox"/> yes	
Letter(s) of Reference <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Name of Reference(s):
Official Transcript(s) attached: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes  Or being sent under separate cover: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes  From the appropriate educational institution showing your present level of education (no unofficial transcripts or photocopies accepted)	Name of Institution(s):

#### **Student Information**

Last Name:	First Name:
Mailing Address:	
City:	Province:
Postal Code:	E-mail:
Home Phone:	Work Phone:
University Student Number:	SIN:
Tribal/Band Affiliation (if applicable):	
Aboriginal Ancestry	<input type="checkbox"/> Status <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Status <input type="checkbox"/> Inuit <input type="checkbox"/> Métis <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable
Have you applied for the former BC ACADRE or NEARBC research award and/or fellowship in the past? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, indicate which years you applied and if you were successful:

**NOTE:** If there is any change to your contact information after submission, please send updated information immediately. Failure to provide current telephone and address may result in unnecessary delay in processing.

## Scholarships & Fellowships

Please identify all other scholarships and fellowships to which you have successfully applied and/or are pending (use additional pages if necessary).

Applied to: (eg. SSHRC, CIHR)	Date Applied:	Amount
		\$ <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Requested
		\$ <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Requested
		\$ <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Requested
		\$ <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Requested
		\$ <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Requested

## Academic Information

University/College: (campus, location)	
Level of Study:	<input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate Program <input type="checkbox"/> Master's Program <input type="checkbox"/> Doctoral Program
Education Program/Faculty:	
Year of Study:	How long is your program? (i.e. for a two year program write the number "2")  What program year are you currently enrolled in? (i.e. for year one, write "1")
Anticipated Date of Completion:	
Faculty Mentor/Supervisor:	
Name of Research Project:	

## Declaration

<p>I understand the KLOSHE TILLICUM reserves the right to revoke any award offer if any of the information in this application is found to be untrue or fraudulent. I solemnly swear that to the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this application is complete and accurate.</p> <p>I agree to allow the use of my name and picture for promotional purposes, and to be contacted upon graduation to verify my employment status or additional updated information.</p>		
Signature:		Date:

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## Consent – 2010-2011

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby consent to Kloshe Tillicum publishing and releasing my name and research project title and abstract, upon receipt of a Kloshe Tillicum Aboriginal Health Research Award or Fellowship for its public relations publications and activities.

I further consent to the use of my attributed final research results by Kloshe Tillicum for the benefit of Aboriginal health researchers, communities and service providers. By use, I mean that Kloshe Tillicum may publish my findings in their public relations publications and activities.

For further clarity, Kloshe Tillicum may not publish my materials for profit.

For further clarity, public relations publications and activities means academic or community gatherings, newsletters, website material, networking documents and gatherings.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

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## Research/Instructor Reference – 2010

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

**TO THE REFEREE:** *A letter of reference may be submitted in lieu of the this form. Please ensure that you sign your reference letter or form as well as the envelope seal.*

Name of Referee:		Phone:	
		Email:	
Address/Phone:			
Institution:		Position:	
Research Focus:			
<b>Please rank the applicant in terms of research as follows: 0=Poor, 1=Fair, 2=Good, 3=Very Good, 4=Excellent, 5=Unknown</b>			
Dedication to aboriginal health research	<i>Rank</i>	<i>Remarks:</i>	
Research Skills (for level)			
Intellectual Capacity			
Cultural awareness			
Aboriginal Community Involvement			
All-round Ability			
Please indicate courses the applicant has taken with you including class rank. Please comment on applicant's aptitude for research and why you think applicant is deserving of a fellowship.			
Please comment on the applicant's academic strengths and potential for completing graduate research.			

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Referee*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

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## Personal Reference – 2010

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Applicant

Name of Referee:
Address/Phone:
Relationship to applicant:
Length of Time you've know the applicant:
What makes this applicant deserving of an Aboriginal Health Research Fellowship:
What personal qualities will the applicant bring to Aboriginal Health Research:
What professional qualities makes the applicant a good candidate to pursue Aboriginal Health Research:
Additional comments:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Community/Agency Contact*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

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## Community Linkage/Reference – 2010 (Optional)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Applicant

1) Name of Community/Organization (s):	
2) Contact Name:	
3) Address/Phone:	
4) Relevant community/organization health issue/focus:	
5) Support for the Researcher (include how long you've known the applicant; professional abilities; why you support their application for funding):	
6) Explain how research project is relevant to the community/organization (applicant to fill out):	
7) Explain how you will (applicant to fill out): <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• collaborate with;</li><li>• mentor a community researcher; or</li><li>• present final findings.*</li></ul>	
* For aboriginal health research that is not community based, please explain the lack of community reference (eg. why does your type of research preclude community linkage). Please comment on how you will include the components of section 7 above.	

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Community/Agency Contact*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*