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1. Engagement with individuals from underrepresented groups 

Important Note

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This report includes mandatory reporting on 1) the CRCP institutional equity, diversity and inclusion action plan (IEDIAP) and 2) the \$50,000 EDI Stipend.

Your institution must submit the report by the deadline date indicated by the program, and must cover the reporting period identified by the program.

Institutions are required to post the most up to date version of their EDI action plan on their [public accountability web pages](#).

Each year, institutions must publicly post a copy of this report to their [public accountability web pages](#) within 7 working days after the deadline for submitting the report to TIPS. TIPS will review the report each year; in addition, the annual report(s) will be provided to the external EDI Review Committee, when it is convened every few years, to evaluate the progress made in bolstering EDI at the respective institution and to provide context for future iterations of the EDI action plan. Ensure that you remove all numbers less than 5 from both the plan and the report prior to posting on your website in cases where your report includes the representation of individuals from underrepresented groups among your chairholders, as well as any other identifying information. This is a requirement of the Privacy Act.

All sections of the form are mandatory (unless otherwise noted).

Contact information

Please complete the fields below.

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The link for the EDI progress report and EDI Stipend report:

<https://www.mtroial.ca/Research/FundingAwards/canada-research-chairs.htm>

Does your institution have an EDI Action Plan for the CRCP?

No

PART A: EDI Action Plan - Reporting on Key Objectives Analyses, Systemic Barriers, Objectives and Indicators

In developing their action plans, institutions were required to conduct: 1) an employment systems review; 2) a comparative review; and 3) an environmental scan (see program requirements [here](#)). These assessments were required in order to identify the specific systemic barriers and/or challenges that are faced by individuals from underrepresented groups (e.g. women and gender minorities, persons with disabilities, Indigenous Peoples and racialized individuals, 2SLGBTQIA++ individuals) at the respective institution; institutions were then required to develop key S.M.A.R.T. (specific, measurable, aligned with the wanted outcome, realistic and timely) objectives and actions to address them.

Indicate what your institution's key EDI objectives are (up to six) as outlined in the most recent version of your action plan, as well as the systemic barriers/challenges identified that these objectives must address. Please note that objectives should be S.M.A.R.T. and include a measurement strategy. List the corresponding actions and indicators (as indicated in your institutional EDI action plan) for each objective, and outline: a) what progress has been made during the reporting period; b) the main actions were undertaken (up to six) and how they have progressed; c) the data gathered; and d) indicators used to assess the outcomes and impacts of the actions. Please note that indicators can be both quantitative and qualitative and should be specific. Outline next steps and use the contextual information box to provide any additional information (e.g., course correction, obstacles, lessons learned, etc.) for each objective. If your institution has not yet prepared or received a formal evaluation of its CRCP EDI action plan (institutions having fewer than five Chairs) then section A is optional.

Key Objective 1

If the answer to the previous question was 'yes', indicate how much of the funding was spent on this key objective and specifically what the funds were spent on.

Key Objective 2

If the answer to the previous question was 'yes', indicate how much of the funding was spent on this key objective and specifically what the funds were spent on.

Key Objective 3

If the answer to the previous question was 'yes', indicate how much of the funding was spent on this key objective and specifically what the funds were spent on.

Key Objective 4

If the answer to the previous question was 'yes', indicate how much of the funding was spent on this key objective and specifically what the funds were spent on.

Key Objective 5

If the answer to the previous question was 'yes', indicate how much of the funding was spent on this key objective and specifically what the funds were spent on.

Key Objective 6

If the answer to the previous question was 'yes', indicate how much of the funding was spent on this key objective and specifically what the funds were spent on.

PART C: Reporting on EDI Stipend objectives not accounted for in Part A

Instructions:

- Institutions with EDI Action Plans, use this section to report on EDI Stipend objectives that are not accounted for in Section A.
- Institutions without EDI Action Plans, use this section to report on EDI Stipend objectives.
- If you did not receive an EDI stipend during the reporting year, please leave this section blank.

Objectives associated with your institution’s EDI Stipend application

Table C1. Provide information on the objectives associated with your institution’s EDI Stipend application, including the funding and timelines, for the reporting period.

EDI Stipend Objective 1

Indicate the S.M.A.R.T. (specific, measurable, aligned with the wanted outcome, realistic and timely) objective(s) towards which this funding has been directed:

Building on the consultant’s report, the following application objectives were considered and a plan developed in 2022: summarize best EDI practices for research and scholarship and small and medium sized universities; collaboratively develop an EDI strategy framework for research and scholarship, including a CRC EDI Action Plan. provide recommendations to resource and implement the EDI strategy, including a communications plan.

Indicator(s): Describe indicators, as presented in the EDI Stipend application, and how they are calculated.

Indicators are tied to CRC EDI targets. In addition, securing a resource for EDI support for CRC and other MRU researchers in 2023 will be an important indicator of success.

Progress: Describe results observed, including indicator results, outcomes, impacts. Include timelines (start and end dates).

December 2021 to December 2022 was a transition period with a new Interim AVP Research, Scholarship and Community Engagement in place in June 2022 and with a new Vice President EDI in place March 2022. These two leaders began working collaboratively to identify a resource requirement to develop EDI research resources and support for CRCs and beyond.

Outline the total expenditures below:

Total funds of EDI stipend spent on the objective:	50000
Institutional commitment (if applicable):	50000
Total funds spent:	

Indicate in the table below any leveraged cash or in-kind contributions provided by your institution:

	Amount \$	Source / Type (cash or in-kind)
1	50000	in-kind

Table C2. EDI Stipend Impact Rating

Please rate the extent of the impact the EDI Stipend has had on your institution in meeting this objective as identified in your application, for the reporting period:

Major impact (the EDI Stipend had a major impact on achieving progress)

Provide a high level summary of how the stipend was used:

This stipend initially supported a consultant’s report and through an extension to September 2024 and a subsequent successful application was able to support hiring of an EDI resource focused on research.

Do you have other objectives to add?

No

PART C: Reporting on EDI Stipend objectives not accounted for in Part A

Additional Objectives (if applicable)

Table C1. Provide information on the objectives associated with your institution's EDI Stipend application, including the funding and timelines, for the reporting period.

EDI Stipend Objective 2

EDI Stipend Objective 3

EDI Stipend Objective 4

EDI Stipend Objective 5

EDI Stipend Objective 6

Part D: Engagement with individuals from underrepresented groups

Outline how the institution has engaged with underrepresented groups: e.g., racialized individuals, Indigenous Peoples, persons with disabilities, women, 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals, during the implementation of the action plan (during the reporting period), including how they have been involved in identifying and implementing any course corrections/adjustments, if applicable. For example, how was feedback gathered on whether the measures being implemented are resulting in a more inclusive research environment for chairholders of underrepresented groups? How has intersectionality been considered in developing and implementing the plan (if applicable)? Have new gaps been identified? How will members of underrepresented groups continue to be engaged? (limit: 10 200 characters)

The institution has engaged extensively with underrepresented groups in 2022 via the VP EDI and in collaboration with the AVP Indigenization and Decolonization and the AVP Research, Scholarship and Community Engagement. Engagement has included funding opportunities for EDI initiatives, workshops and training for all MRU employees. EDI in research, more specifically, has been a key topic in communications. The year 2022 set the stage for creating a resource specific to EDI for research who was hired in August 2023 and whose work will be included in next year's progress report.

PART E: Efforts to Address Systemic Barriers More Broadly within the Institution

Briefly outline other EDI initiatives underway at the institution (that are broader than those tied to the CRCP) that are expected to address systemic barriers and foster an equitable, diverse and inclusive research environment. For example, are there projects underway that underscore the importance of EDI to research excellence? Is there additional training being offered to the faculty at large? Are there initiatives to improve the campus climate? Please provide hyperlinks where relevant, using the hyperlink boxes provided below (URLs should include https://). Note that collecting this information from institutions is a requirement of the 2019 Addendum to the 2006 Canadian Human Rights Settlement Agreement and provides context for the work the institution is doing in addressing barriers for the CRCP. (limit: 4080 characters)

<https://www.mtroyal.ca/AboutMountRoyal/EquityDiversityInclusion/index.htm>

Work is currently underway in collaboration with the Office of Research and the Office of EDI through a shared EDI Research Specialist resource. This work includes engagement with faculty, creation and provision of resources, and development of spaces for support. More detailed information will be provided in next year's report for 2023. EDI training for all Mount Royal employees is available and 4 Seasons of Reconciliation can be accessed via First Nations University. Below is a link to Mount Royal University's Office of EDI which provides more details.

Hyperlink 1:

<https://www.mtroyal.ca/AboutMountRoyal/EquityDiversityInclusion/index.htm>

Before submitting your report, please ensure that your responses are complete. You will not be able to edit the information after it is submitted.

I have reviewed my responses and I am ready to submit my report.

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