



Call for Research Grant Applications

Directed Call - 2022

The McDowell Foundation is inviting PreK-12 teachers and other educators to submit an application to a directed call for research that will focus on student and/or teacher well-being in the [post] COVID-19 public education system in Saskatchewan and how these impact teaching and learning.

Research grants of up to \$5,000 per project will be awarded. Research projects should be completed within three to six months of receiving the funding. For this directed call, there will be a single application process. Applications can be accessed through the website at <http://mcdowellfoundation.ca/>

The McDowell Foundation provides research grants to explore new and innovative ways to best meet the educational needs of students in Saskatchewan. Given the unprecedented events of the last two years, the Foundation believes that targeted, teacher-led research documenting educator and student experiences of well-being as impacting teaching and learning can make a significant contribution to the current education landscape.

Suggested Topics of Inquiry

A completed Notice of Intent shall include the following:

- **Student Well-Being**
 - Northern or remote experiences
 - Immigrant or refugee experiences
 - Mental health supports/expectations
 - Outdoor learning
 - Disrupted or modified schedule
- **Teacher Well-Being**
 - Leadership Requirements/challenges
 - Professional collaboration and support
 - Shifts in pedagogy
 - Student/family support
 - Additional expectations/workload
 - Shifts to online instruction and engagement
 - Adapted schedule (quarters or quints)

- **Principal/Vice-Principal Well-Being**

- Leadership requirements/challenges
- Leading through change
- Professional Collaboration and support

*Note that these are topic suggestions and not meant to be all-inclusive. All research topics that address student and teacher well-being and fall within the mandate of supporting PreK-12 teaching and learning in Saskatchewan are welcome!

Additional Information

The application should be emailed to mcdowell@stf.sk.ca by March 15, 2022.

For additional information, please contact the Foundation at mcdowell@stf.sk.ca or go to the website at: <http://mcdowellfoundation.ca/>

Eligibility

McDowell Foundation grants support publicly funded educators, staff in public institutions of higher education, and other professionals or organizations involved in PreK-12 education. The Foundation defines publicly funded public education to include:

- Schools that are governed by an elected board and receive full per-pupil operating grants from a provincial government.
- Associate or alternate schools in Saskatchewan.
- Historical high schools in Saskatchewan.
- Schools operated by First Nations Bands with funding from the federal government.

Common Items Funded

- Release time for teachers and non-teaching school-based personnel to collaborate on the study, plan activities, analyze results, write a report, and share results at Foundation-sponsored events.
- Transcription, secretarial, technical, data entry, computer assistance, and professional services directly related to the study.
- Travel, accommodations, and expenses to meetings directly related to the study at Foundation-sponsored events. Electronic meetings and conference calls are encouraged.
- Purchase or rental based on lesser cost of materials, supplies, equipment, new technology, videos, video production, or software directly related to the study if the items are not provided by the place of employment.
- Study team meeting and event costs, gifts to Elders, meetings for parents or community members, and child care for the meetings. Use of school facilities is encouraged.

Restrictions

The McDowell Foundation is a charitable, non-profit organization and is therefore not able to sponsor projects that have as their goal the development of commercially viable products or programs from which the researcher(s) may benefit financially.

Funding

Directed Call Foundation grants maybe up to \$5,000 per research project. Budget items must be directly related to the costs of carrying out the study. In developing your grant proposal, please refer to the list of items commonly funded and not funded.

Common Items Not Funded

- Tuition fees for researchers enrolled in university graduate or undergraduate programs, post-doctorate salary, other educational program fees, or salary while on leave from employment.
- Activities such as curriculum, program, or instructional material development; piloting of teaching materials or methods; and the evaluation of programs, methods, and materials unless identified as necessary for the study.
- Class trips or learning activities are not eligible unless clearly identified as a direct and integral part of the research being conducted.
- Class sets of learning materials, technology, or software for students unless clearly identified as a direct and integral part of the research being conducted.
- The cost of printing and binding theses.
- Classes, workshops, or courses designed to increase research skills.