

***Belong* Research Fellowship Awards**

Terms of Reference

Purpose:

Dalhousie has established the Dalhousie *Belong* Research Fellowships for pre-tenure, tenure-track faculty who are Indigenous and/or members of equity-deserving groups as one means of supporting their development as researchers.

Deans and Heads, Chairs and Directors are encouraged to notify candidates through the hiring process of the availability of this Fellowship competition.

Structure:

- Funding: \$5,000 awarded for a period of up to two years, per grant
- Non-renewable
- Call for nominations issued annually
- Up to four (4) Fellowships will be awarded per year
- Each Fellow to report within 6 months of the end date of the award (one page)

Application process:

- The Offices of the Vice-President Research & Innovation (VPRI) and Provost & Vice-President Academic will issue a call for proposals annually.
- Eligibility criteria:
 - Candidates must be pre-tenure, in a tenure-track appointment.
 - Candidates must be Indigenous and/or members of one or more equity-deserving groups [as defined by Dalhousie](#).¹
 - Candidates must not hold a funded chair.
 - Candidates must not currently hold, nor have previously held, external research operating funds as principal investigator or co-principal investigator.
- Heads, Chairs and Directors will review application(s) and are asked to provide a letter with comments regarding the applicant's research potential and need of funding
- Application packages must include:
 - I. A supporting letter from the applicant's Head, Chair or Director
 - II. The nominee's research plan for expending the funds, if successful (no more than 2 pages in length)
 - III. A current CV, and
 - IV. An endorsement from the Dean, by means of approval via ROMEO
- The Selection Committee will make recommendations to the VPRI and Provost

¹ Eligibility and self-identification information will be confirmed via Dalhousie's internal systems.