

MCGILL NORTH ENGAGEMENT GRANTS

Application deadline: September 30, 2018 (8:00 p.m. Eastern)

Objective

The purpose of the [McGill North](#)* Engagement Grants is to promote the development of current or new projects in northern regions, as well as to enhance northern research at McGill by funding northern travel and networking activities, at either a pre-proposal stage or a post-research follow-up stage.

Description of the Grant

Prior and sustained engagement with research partners is critical to effective northern research. The opportunity to engage with potential research partners prior to proposal development enables identification of shared research priorities, co-funding opportunities, and appropriate methodologies. The opportunity to visit communities after research is completed is necessary for reporting and validating research results, supports knowledge translation activities, and promotes sustained research partnerships. Despite their importance, pre-proposal and post-research travel and engagement are not well or easily supported by standard funding models, because they tend to occur before and after project funding is available. McGill North Engagement Grants will allow McGill researchers to improve the competitiveness of the proposals they submit to funding agencies, more precisely, they will enhance the proposals with potential multiplicative return on investment, and help McGill researchers sustain their northern research partnerships.

Value

Five grants of \$ CAD 4,000.

Eligible expenses

Funds must be used for travel expenses (south-to-north travel by McGill-based researchers or north-to-south travel by northern partners), accommodation, and meeting costs between October 15, 2018 and January 15, 2019.

Submission information

Funding requests can be submitted by faculty, post-docs, or graduate students to Beatriz Osorio (beatriz.osorio@mcgill.ca) administrative coordinator of McGill North. Funding requests will identify the McGill researcher conducting the engagement, the research focus, northern location, partners that will be engaged, and how the research contributes to northern research at McGill (see attached form). McGill researchers without previous northern research experience are eligible to apply and will be encouraged to consult other researchers of the McGill North research network to discuss potential points-of-contact and successful engagement approaches. Evaluation criteria will promote dispersion of funds across the breadth of researchers and faculties represented in McGill North, rather than funding a small number of researchers from a specific area. Proposals will be evaluated by a sub-committee of the McGill Northern Research Advisory Committee, and allocated rapidly to provide McGill researchers the flexibility to capitalize on opportunities as they arise. Recipients of the grants will present the results of their engagement activity during the Third McGill Northern Research Day that will take place on January 24, 2019.

*** About McGill North and the McGill Northern Research Advisory Committee.**



McGill North is a newly formed network of professors, post docs, graduate students and under-graduate students involved in northern, arctic, and polar research at McGill. Creation of this network is an initiative led by Murray Humphries, McGill Chair in Northern Research, and overseen

by McGill's Northern Research Advisory Committee (composed of Nancy Ross, Associate VP Research, and northern research representatives from Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, Education, Engineering, Humanities, Health Sciences, and Natural Sciences). The objective of McGill North is to promote, mobilize, and interdisciplinize northern, arctic, and polar research at McGill.

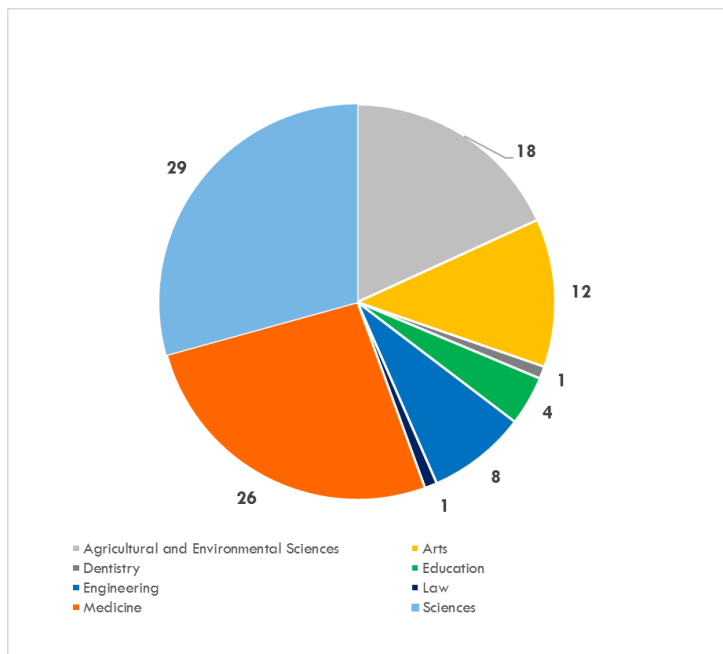


Figure 1. Distribution by faculty of the 99 professors identified to be northern researchers at McGill, and included in the McGill North network of invitations and information sharing.

The McGill North network currently includes 99 professors from 8 faculties (Figure 1) and more than 20 departments/units. Three recent northern research days hosted by McGill North (January 24 and May 1, 2017, January 24, 2018) featured presentations by more than 19 McGill's northern researchers representing six faculties (Agricultural and Environmental Science, Medicine, Science, Arts, Dentistry, Engineering) and eight departments/units (Bioresource Engineering, Geography, Earth and Planetary Science, Family Medicine, Medicine, Natural Resource Sciences, Dietetics and Human Nutrition). To learn more about McGill North please visit <https://www.mcgill.ca/mcgillnorth/>