

Indigenous conference and travel support

Overview

We are pleased to announce conference and travel support for Indigenous community members for the RiRC2020 conference. We are aiming to support the travel of approximately 40 Indigenous participants including youth from remote communities across Canada to participate in the conference.

Below are the details on eligibility, what is covered, and the process to apply for funding.

Eligibility

The conference and travel funding is for Indigenous leaders, community members, Indigenous employees of communities, entrepreneurs, business owners and members of Indigenous economic development entities or corporations of Indigenous communities, and Indigenous youth.

Individuals should be working on clean energy, environmental, or diesel reduction initiatives in their communities or providing services to communities wishing to reduce their reliance on fossil fuels. Priority will go to individuals residing in remote communities and we are seeking a balance of gender representation and youth representatives.

What is covered

The following will be covered as part of the conference and travel assistance:

- Round trip flight to Whitehorse from your community. This will also include any in-transit hotel costs if an overnight stay is required. Flight tickets will include travel interruption insurance in case of weather issues. (All travel and accommodation must be booked by our travel agent).
- Reimbursement for personal kilometers driven in your vehicle from your community to Whitehorse and return.
- Miscellaneous travel costs and per diem food costs for meals incurred outside the conference. Miscellaneous travel costs will include estimated costs for airport parking, taxi rides to/from airport, and checked baggage fees. Per diem meal allowances will be based on the province/territory where you reside and will include estimated in-transit

days. Miscellaneous travel and per diem food costs will be provided to you at the end of the conference in the form of a cheque.

- Hotel costs while staying in Whitehorse – starting Monday, April 20th (arrival) until Friday, April 24th or Saturday, April 25th (depending on departure needs).
- Complimentary RiRC2020 conference tickets – pre-conference ticket, main two-day conference and post-conference ticket.

Requirements

The following will be required to receive this conference and travel assistance:

- Signing and returning an acceptance letter from Pembina Institute stating you have read the details and process of receiving support.
- Once the signed acceptance letter is received, Pembina will provide contact details for our travel agent. You must call the agent to work out the best travel and flight schedule so they can book your flights.
- Attendance and participation ideally for the full four days of the conference and a minimum required attendance for three of the four days. If you can only make three of the four days, you can either miss the pre-conference day (Tues, April 21st) or the post-conference day (Friday, April 24th)
- Completion of a short conference survey at the end of the conference.

Application process

If you are interested in attending RiRC2020 and wish to receive funding, please reach out to:

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Please be prepared to provide information on your role/interest in clean energy, which community you live in or are working with, and why the conference interests you.