**Wabanaki-Labrador Indigenous Health Research** **Network’s**

**Seed Fund**

**Project Narrative: guiding questions and instructions**

Please use the following questions to guide your research proposal narrative. Be clear and concise, use plain language that can be easily understood by people outside of your research area, and avoid acronyms wherever possible. Use 12-point font and 1-inch / 2.54 cm margins all around and stick to the suggested page lengths for each section below—you can go under, but you cannot go over!

In the document header, include the 1) principal applicant’s name, 2) the project title and 3) the dollar amount requested. **The overall project narrative should be no more than 5 pages, single spaced.**

**QUESTIONS**

1. Abstract

* Please provide a brief (300 word) abstract ofthe proposed research project. The abstract should summarize 1) the purpose of the research; 2) the research question that motivates the project; and 3) the methods used to address this research question. The abstract will be used to promote the research project, should the application be successful.

1. Project Aims (1 page)
   * The Project Aims should describe concisely the goals of the proposed research and summarize the expected outcome(s) for your communities, including the impact that the results of the proposed research will have on the Wabanaki Labrador region (NS, NB, NL and PEI).
   * Aims also should include the specific objectives of the proposed research (for example: to gather preliminary data that will inform future research; solve a specific problem; challenge an existing clinical practice; address a critical barrier to progress; to host a planning Gathering or meeting with the goal to identify community research priorities and develop a research plan that will inform a Program of Research funding application; etc.).

* Research Strategy (2 pages)
* Your Research Strategy should:
  + A rationale of how this project meets community needs;
  + Use literature that supports your rationale;
  + Clearly tie the proposed research to the WLN research priorities stated in the funding call;
  + Provide a summary of the data gathering, data analysis, and knowledge sharing approaches to be used for the research.
  + How will this research inform future research, programs, policies, or opportunities?
  + Provide a summary of your plan for holding data (security) and following OCAP®guidelines or other principles of Indigenous data sovereignty, as appropriate.

1. Research team expertise (1/2 page)

* Describe the role of each team member and what their level of involvement in the research project will be. Please note: we still require applicant profiles or resumés.
* What is your research team’s current research capacity? (What are your strengths and the potential challenges with regards to research capacity and completing the research according to your proposed timeline? What research supports do you think your team will need?)

1. Elders, Knowledge Keepers, and Youth (1/2 page)

* What roles are there specifically for Elders, Knowledge Keepers and Youth on the project?
* How will your project engage Elders, Knowledge Keepers, and Youth?
* How will they work together?

1. Sex and Gender Considerations

* Is sex as a biological variable taken into account in the research?
* Is gender as a socio-cultural factor taken into account in the research?
* In what ways will you integrate sex and gender into your research designs, methods and analysis when appropriate?
* In what ways will you integrate sex and gender into your interpretation and dissemination of findings when appropriate?

1. Activities

* Describe what activities your project will undertake to meet the aims and goals as described above. Please ensure that activities also align with the submitted budget and timeline.