**APPLICATION FOR ITOTELNEW̱TEL ȽTE: LEARNING FROM ONE ANOTHER**

**Background:**

The UVic Elders Engagement Fund carries the name, ITOTELNEW̱TEL ȽTE: LEARNING FROM ONE ANOTHER, in honour of Dr. Marie Cooper (SWETALIYE). The name was given to UVic by the Austin/Cooper family. Dr. Cooper had a 20-year career as an educational administrator, leading the transformation of Indigenous education at the K-12 and post-secondary levels. She was also a founding member of Elders’ Voices at UVic and member of the Indigenous education advisory board in the Faculty of Education. Dr. Cooper received an Honorary Doctor of Education degree from the University of Victoria in 2010, in recognition of her many years of contributions in the field of education. In the words of her Great-niece, Melissa Austin (Tsartlip First Nation):

“The fund carries on the work [Marie] was doing at UVic, by bringing knowledge keepers and Elders into classrooms not only so that courses can be more culturally relevant for Indigenous students but so that all students have the opportunity to learn about Indigenous history and culture. She was passionate about supporting all students in post-secondary. This will go a long way to carrying on her legacy so that we can build capacity and understanding, and really engage in reconciliation and move forward.”

**Fund Terms:**

This fund will be used to support the engagement of Elders in activities across the university that may include the following:

* Providing UVic students, faculty, and staff with direct, meaningful opportunities for learning Indigenous ways of learning in dialogue with Elders.
	+ i.e. Faculty seminars, classroom visits and meeting with community groups, speaker honorariums and thank you gifts for either Elders in Residence or Indigenous guest speakers in seminars, lectures or other teaching and learning opportunities on or off campus with the local First Nations communities.
* CIRCLE speaker series or guest lecturing opportunities
* Cultural & land-based learning activities
* Opportunities for cross-discipline staff development and collaboration

Any UVic faculty, staff, or student groups are welcome to apply.

**Application Deadline:**

Applications are due by:

* August 25 (awards given by end of August) for the Fall Term, and
* December 2 (awards given by the end of December) for the Spring Term.

**Application Selection:**

Application requests for amounts up to $500 and will be reviewed by the Executive Director, Office of Indigenous Academic & Community Engagement or a representative. The amounts applied for should reflect the honorarium guidelines of:

* $100 for participating in an hour long class,
* $250 for participating in an event for a half day (3 hours), and
* $500 for participating in a full day event (any time more than 3 hours)

The amount awarded will be dependent on the number of eligible applications per term at the discretion of the selection committee.

**Application Criteria:**

* Description of the initiative/event/program/activities.
* Role of the Elders at the initiative/event/program/activities.
* Explanation of how this initiative/event/program/activity will positively impact the learning or leadership in the UVic community.
* Overall budget breakdown.

Application Form

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| Number of Intended Participants: |  |  |
| Location of initiative/event/program/activities:  |  |  |
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| **Role of the Elders at the initiative/event/program/activities.** |
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| **Explanation of how this initiative/event/program/activity will positively impact the learning or leadership in the UVic community.****Budget:****Overall cost break-down of the initiative/event/program/activities.** |
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| Amount Requested:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| **Please submit application by e-mail/mail to:**Diane SamCommunity Engagement Manager, Office of Indigenous Academic & Community Engagement First Peoples House, University of Victoria iacecem@uvic.ca  |
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