

Request for Proposal

Early Learning Education and Childcare Training Program (Métis Expert Focus Group)

The Rupertsland Institute (RLI) was incorporated as a not-for-profit company in 2010 under the Alberta Companies Act. RLI is an affiliate of the Métis Nation of Alberta (MNA) and carries a mandate in education, training, and research. A nine-member Board of Governors representing the University of Alberta, public and private sectors, and the MNA Provincial Council is appointed under its Articles of Incorporation. RLI is funded in large part by the federal government along with smaller funding arrangements with the provincial government.

As part of its education mandate, RLI created the Rupertsland Centre for Teaching and Learning (RCTL), which works to develop comprehensive and foundational knowledge resources, engaging lesson plans, meaningful professional development opportunities and authentic classroom learning tools that speak accurately and meaningfully to topics in Métis education.

In providing authentic learning experiences for early learners and early learning educators, the Métis Nation was a signatory to a National Accord on Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC). The overarching goal of the Métis Nation ELCC Framework is to create and enhance early learning programs and supports for Métis children and families to anchor Métis culture to the unique needs of Métis children and families.

Within RLI's education mandate, the Early Learning Education and Childcare Training (ELECT) program has been launched to provide a positive, reciprocal, and authentic program for Métis *early learners* across Alberta. To ensure that authentic and appropriate knowledge and information is being administered, ELECT is seeking Métis community participants for its Métis Expert Focus Group.

The panel will discuss and provide insight on Métis information that is prudent and developmentally appropriate for Métis early years youth. The focus group will use community-engagement findings to guide the ELECT program information. The focus group will ensure that Métis knowledge is compatible with community-engagement reporting. Participants will provide professional/personal knowledge of Métis culture, traditions, and knowledge.

Deliverables expected:

- Participation and insight within the Métis Expert Focus Group regarding Métis Early

Learning.

- Demonstrated knowledge within one's professional/personal capacity.
- Participation in six meetings over the course of the year (until May 31, 2022). Note that various meeting-delivery formats may be required.
- Work with RLI's ELECT Senior Team.
- Demonstrated respect towards other members on the focus group.
- Relevant experience required includes at least two years with one or all of the following: Early learning/childcare (ELCC), Métis culture and history, training course development.

Mandatory Requirements:

- Diploma in Early Learning and/or a degree in Social Sciences.
- At least five years of Early Learning experience.

The proposal should contain a description of:

- Your personal and professional background, educational credentials, any previously developed courses. A relevant post-secondary degree is required.
- How you think you will provide insight with regards to Métis Early Learning and Education.
- Professional fees provided for your services and time.

Closing Date: Sept. 10, 2021

Please forward your proposal via email or hard copy to:

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