

Request for Proposal Michif Language Course Developer

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. As part of this, RLI's Education Division is also working to provide Métis people in Alberta opportunities to reclaim, maintain, and strengthen Métis language and culture through education, training, and research. The services of a Michif Language Program Developer are required by RLI to support the Michif Revitalization Project developments.

To do this work, RLI is requesting proposals for the development of several courses. These courses are designed to assist Early Childcare and K-12 instructors/teachers to speak and teach in Michif, as well as to assist with language preservation in Métis youth.

Deliverables expected:

1. Development of a two-part Instructional Michif Language & Cultural Foundations Learning series dedicated to Early Childhood and K-12 instructors/teachers to establish training opportunities to promote Michif pedagogy and fluency.
2. The Michif Language and Cultural Foundations Learning series will commit a stream, "Foundational Understanding and Root Knowledge of Alberta Michif Contexts" (designed to promote pedagogical understanding of the Michif language for future Michif language teachers & instructors), towards post-secondary teacher education programs.
3. Development of an adult-education program, "Michif Language and Culture Practical Application" (designed for Michif language speakers intending to teach Michif (ECE-12), offered by RLI to provide a certificate or diploma.

4. Deadline for completion: Nov. 30, 2021.

In the proposal, please:

- Submit experience and qualifications specific to Michif, as it relates to education and training. Educator experience at a post-secondary institution is strongly preferred.
- Demonstrate at least two years of previous course-development experience.
- Provide a list of previous courses developed.
- Provide an outline of the methodology and steps you will use to develop the programs.
- Submit evidence of capacity and capability to successfully undertake a project related to Michif Revitalization in Alberta – specifically, at RLI.

Closing Date: Sept. 3, 2021

Please forward your proposal via email or hard copy to:

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