

FAMILY HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT
SOUTH ASIAN DIASPORA FUND
CALL FOR PROPOSALS
2015-2016

University of Mumbai (UoM)
Indo-Canadian Studies Centre (ICSC)
Mumbai, Maharashtra, India

The University of the Fraser Valley, B.C. Canada, Centre for Indo Canadian Studies UFV/CICS and University of Mumbai, Indo-Canadian Studies Centre UM/ICSC, *Family Health and Development South Asian Diaspora Fund* will support the development of initiatives and activities addressing the mandate of the BC Government's Ministry of Health to support Family Health and Nutrition Studies through the University of the Fraser Valley's (UFV) and the University of Mumbai's (UM) Centres for Indo-Canadian Studies. The fund will facilitate multidirectional flow and support the building of reciprocal relationships among faculty members, project developers/administrators and researchers from a variety of disciplines and backgrounds to broaden and internationalize family health and nutritional studies in particular within the Indian diaspora that has become part of the Canadian fabric. This fund supports the examination of family health and nutrition within this important union of "old" and "new" cultures through the framework provided by UM's and UVF's Centres – www.ufv.ca/cics and <http://www.mu.ac.in/others/icsc/Profile.html>

By necessity, this work is multidisciplinary as the study of South Asian diaspora cultures, and the family within those cultures, is not the domain of any one discipline or subject area. Therefore, the study of family health and nutrition will take place within an interdisciplinary context and through a variety of means and lenses including sociological, historical, socio-economic and health science research and initiatives, and by means of viewing the "health" of the family in its various forms through art, literature, geography, history, media and technology studies.

Projects, initiatives and activities such as seminars and colloquia that will study and illuminate the experiences and identities of South Asian Diaspora families and individuals, their attitudes towards and experience in adopted homelands will be supported at UFV and UM. Proposals will be reviewed by a joint UFV/UM Adjudication Committee.

South Asian Diaspora Studies and Family Health Nutrition

Aspects to consider and suggested areas of concentration (within the two contexts) for proposals to the Fund can include (but not limited to):

- (1) How the better understanding of health/well-being and nutrition of diasporic family experiences and identities relates to policies on immigration, education, trade, citizenship, and security.
- (2) How differing national and provincial strategies for the family respond to the issues raised by multicultural diversity and how one can compare their effectiveness.

- (3) How are sociocultural notions of family identity reformulated in diasporic contexts, and in what ways does family (re)configuration and health depend on the economic, political, social and security environments of new homes?
- (4) What are the impacts on the everyday life of the South Asian Diaspora family within a health and nutrition context and what are the diasporic roles and experiences of women, men, children within families?
- (5) How does the South Asian Diaspora family operate as a site for the transmission of appropriate health and nutritional standards?
- (6) How all or some of the above questions are reflected in Indo-Canadian Diasporic literature and cinema?

Other

Applicants may formulate their own questions to be addressed based on the description above. For more information please see contact information below.

PROPOSAL FORMAT (In word document)

Submission Date: December 31st 2014, 4.00 p.m.

Submitted by

Name (Print):

Telephone:

Signature:

Date:

Complete proposal to be submitted by e-mail:

The proposal is to be accompanied by a letter of support for the project from a subject expert.

Proposals and questions are to be routed through the Coordinator, Indo-Canadian Studies Centre, Professor Nilufer E. Bharucha, indocanadiansc@gmail.com or nilufer.bharucha@english.mu.ac.in

An adjudication committee made up of three faculty members at Mumbai University will make up the decision making body, which will be further ratified by the decision making body of the University of Fraser Valley, Centre for Indo Canadian Studies.

APPLICATION FORMAT:

Activity Description (based on A OR B below):

1. Describe the proposed project/activity and how it addresses one of the questions above or pose your own question(s) to be considered by the Adjudication Committee.
2. Detail the “product” of this project - research project, conference, symposium, lecture(s), and seminars and anticipated resultant publication of project.
3. Explain how you will measure the success your proposed activity/project.
4. Indicate the start and completion date of the project/activity (not to exceed 12 months). **Limited to 750 words.**

Proposal context:

South Asian Diaspora Studies OR Family Health Nutrition:

A. If your proposed project is based in the Health/Human Services or Family Studies areas explain how the proposed activity/project is inclusive of the study of South Asian Diaspora cultures and addresses the “health” of the family and individuals. **(500 words)**

OR

B. If your proposed project/activity is based in South Asian Diaspora studies through art, geography, history, literature, media or technology studies explain how it addresses issues of family health/nutrition within that context. **(500 words)**

Implementation Plan:

1. Describe implementation of the proposed project (how you will meet overall goals and objectives, scope of work, methodology, timelines, expected results/outcomes in the medium and longer terms, outlining realistic pathways and timelines with applicable dates).

2. Please describe how the project is going to disseminate/publish research results/ findings upon completion of the project period.
 - (a) List of all the potential and intended target groups for dissemination of results;
 - (b) Detail out tangible dissemination strategies and methods for each target groups described in (a) including timeline (**500 words**)

Budget:

1. Outline the total budget – eligible expenses include student research assistant costs, supplies, travel (economy domestic and international), materials, communication and other (specify). All revenue sources for the project/activity must be clearly indicated with the overall cost of the project. The *Family Health and Development South Asian Diaspora Fund* will support up to 50 % of the overall budget. For the other 50% - 25% can include in-kind contributions – 25% must be in cash contributions from other sources. Supportive funds must be confirmed before the proposal will be accepted.
2. Each proposal must not exceed CAD 3500, converted into INR at the rate of interest at which the grant for the fellowship is received.
3. 10% of the funds will be held back and released upon timely submission of a satisfactory evaluation report with financial accounting..

Evaluation:

1. Applicants will be required to submit an evaluation report at the end of the project.
2. The evaluation report will be required to be submitted meeting the deadline date of before the 10% hold back is released.

Proposal submission deadline: December 31, 2014, 4 p.m.

Adjudication results notification: January 15, 2015

Project start and completion/evaluation deadline: February 2015 – March 2016