The AIM-HI Network COVID-19 Pandemic Personal Support Stipend will provide funding to support First Nations, Métis and Inuit health sciences research students registered at an Alberta postgraduate institution to meet their personal needs arising from the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Award Amount:** The AIM-HI Network COVID-19 Pandemic Personal Support Stipend amount is $1,500 per applicant. We have funds to support approximately 25 students.

**Use of Funds:** Activities to support personal needs are eligible. The following list is not inclusive, but funds could be used for:
- Necessities to support housing and subsistence, or academic program enrolment
- Home office and technology upgrades to support connecting to classes, supervisors, mentors, peers
- Registration costs for any personal support resources such as wellness and physical activity workshops, or learning courses including traditional language or craft classes
- Supplies for traditional crafts
- Acquiring and caring for a pet

**Eligibility:** Self-identified First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students enrolled full-time in a Masters or PhD degree program relevant to health research (broadly defined) at a post-secondary academic institution in Alberta

**Application Requirements:** Applications are to be submitted online using the webform. All fields must be completed for the stipend to be processed.

**Policies:** Applications will be accepted until we have reached our budget maximum, or the public health emergency for Alberta is declared over. We will strive to process your stipend as quickly as possible, but please recognize that all academic departments are affected by the pandemic and we cannot guarantee when funds will be received. We recognize that this is a very stressful time period therefore have not set any accountability policies for this stipend, however would appreciate your ongoing participation in AIM-HI Network events and activities going forward.

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