

JOINT AFN – INAC POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION TASK TEAM Operational Terms

Objective:

To provide a national forum to use and share technical expertise and knowledge of First Nations post-secondary education. The task team will make recommendations in regards to post-secondary education funding for both First Nations students and Indigenous Institutes of Higher Learning.

Outcomes and Outputs:

A list of deliverable(s) will be finalized as the Joint Task Team completes its work plan regarding both short-term (before March 31, 2017) and longer-term outcomes. The main outcomes will include the following:

- 1) Work collaboratively to identify gaps and deficiencies of the current First Nations post-secondary education funding and identify real costs associated with closing the gap and secure statutory/legal guarantee of funding.
- 2) Review Post-Secondary Student Support Program (PSSSP) and suggest options that meet the needs of First Nations post-secondary students.
- 3) Review the suite of Canada's Post-Secondary Education programs, including Post-Secondary Partnerships Program (PSPP) and the University and College Entrance Preparation Program (UCEPP), and suggest options that meet the needs of First Nations post-secondary students.

**Note: Each Joint Task Team will ensure they include and consider the unique needs of northern and remote communities as they develop their workplan and complete their deliverables.*

Membership and Commitment:

- Members for the Joint Task Team will be recommended by National Indian Education Council (NIEC), Assembly of First Nations (AFN), Indigenous and Northern Development Canada (INAC) and approved by the Joint Working Committee.
- A maximum of 10 regional members (1 per region), a maximum of 2 AFN members and a maximum of 8 INAC/Government of Canada members.
- Members of the joint task team are expected to have the knowledge and expertise in Post-Secondary Education.
- External presenters and experts may be asked to participate from time to time.
- The Joint Task Team will carry out its objectives and activities within a national perspective.

Reporting:

Each Joint Task Team will report regularly on their mutually agreed upon outputs and deliverables to the Joint Working Committee.

Meeting Dates:

Members of the Joint Task Team would be required to participate in 2 national meetings between November 2016 and April 2017. The Joint Task Team will meet on an ongoing basis throughout 2017-2018. The AFN Education Secretariat and INAC Education will be responsible for organizing the overall schedule of the meetings. The following dates are tentatively scheduled:

- Jan 17 (9am-4:30pm) – Jan 18 (9am-1pm), 2017 (Location TBD)
- Mar 14 (9am-4:30pm) – Mar 15 (9am-1pm), 2017 (Location TBD)

