

Details on transfer payment programs

Transfer Payments to Support the Advancement of Northern Science and Technology

Start date: June 2015

End date: Ongoing

Type of transfer payment: Grants and contributions

Type of appropriation: Estimates

Fiscal year for terms and conditions: 2015-16

Link to departmental result(s):

Polar Knowledge Canada's transfer payment program supports all four of its departmental results:

- Canada's polar science and technology research is publicly available and being applied
- Canada's Arctic science includes Indigenous and local knowledge
- Canada fosters domestic and international knowledge exchange and partnerships in polar science and technology
- The next generation of Canadian polar researchers is developed

Link to the department's Program Inventory: Science and Technology

Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program: The purpose of this Transfer Payment Program is to provide an integrated suite of grants and contributions that support Canadian Arctic science and technology for Polar Knowledge Canada. The contribution programs support project proposals that will help address specific aspects of Polar Knowledge Canada's mandate, while the grant programs support student researchers, recognize significant achievement, and coordinate northern scientific university-related activities.

The provision of support to the advancement of northern science and technology is essential to deliver on Polar Knowledge Canada's mandated themes and the objective of Article 23 of the *Nunavut Agreement* "to increase Inuit participation in government employment in the Nunavut Settlement Area to a representative level. It is recognized that the achievement of this objective will require initiatives by Inuit and by Government." To this end, Polar Knowledge Canada regularly uses multi-stakeholder review committees to engage Indigenous Peoples/groups and Northerners on the review of funding proposals.

Expected results: The Program aims to anchor a strong research presence in Canada's Arctic. It focuses on science, monitoring, and technology development and transfer. By partnering with

key stakeholders and through its internal science and technology capacity, Polar Knowledge Canada will acquire the wide range of information needed to pursue effective solutions to polar issues, policy and program development, and advance Canada's position as a leading Arctic nation. This Program will create an environment in which Indigenous knowledge, local knowledge, and science will inform Polar Knowledge Canada's work to address challenges in the Arctic.

This Transfer Payment Program does not have provisions for repayable contributions.

Fiscal year of last completed evaluation: 2022-23

Decision following the results of last evaluation: Not applicable

Fiscal year of next planned evaluation: No evaluations planned

General targeted recipient groups:

General targeted recipient groups for this funding program include:

- For-profit organizations
- Not-for-profit organizations and charities
- Academia and public institutions
- Indigenous recipients
- Governments
- International (non-government)
- Individual or sole proprietorships

Initiatives to engage applicants and recipients: Applicants are engaged through targeted and open solicitations. Polar Knowledge Canada has a variety of engagement initiatives, including but not limited to in-person meetings, webinars, phone calls, and emails, that are used as part of the regular competition cycle. This provides ongoing opportunities for applicants and recipients to seek and receive information, and to offer feedback on service delivery.

Polar Knowledge Canada monitors recipient compliance with the terms of active funding agreements through review of financial and project progress reports that are submitted in accordance with the approved project reporting plan. Polar Knowledge Canada seeks to promote collaboration between the department and recipients.

Financial information (dollars)

Type of transfer payment	2023–24 forecast spending	2024–25 planned spending	2025–26 planned spending	2026–27 planned spending
Total grants	1,300,000	1,300,000	1,300,000	1,300,000
Total contributions	6,040,000	6,040,000	6,040,000	6,040,000
Total other types of transfer payments	0	0	0	0
Total program	7,340,000	7,340,000	7,340,000	7,340,000

Transfer Payments to Support Research and Activities Relating to the Polar Regions

Start date: June 2015

End date: Ongoing

Type of transfer payment: Grants

Type of appropriation: Estimates

Fiscal year for terms and conditions: 2015-16

Link to departmental result(s):

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Link to the department's Program Inventory: Knowledge Management and Engagement

Purpose and objectives of transfer payment program: The Program aims to encourage activities and events that strengthen awareness and increase knowledge of polar and circumpolar regions, increase coordination and collaboration among the polar research community, and strengthen the next generation of polar researchers and highly qualified personnel, especially northern youth.

Expected results: The capacity of Canada's research community involved in polar studies is strengthened. The commitment of individuals or groups to polar studies is strengthened through national recognition of their work. Scientific information and knowledge about polar issues are increased. Youth participation in polar activities supported by Polar Knowledge Canada and the Canadian High Arctic Research Station are increased.

This Transfer Payment Program does not have provisions for repayable contributions.

Fiscal year of last completed evaluation: 2022-23

Decision following the results of last evaluation: Not applicable

Fiscal year of next planned evaluation: No evaluations planned

General targeted recipient groups:

General targeted recipient groups for this funding program include:

- students who are Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada presently enrolled in a program at a recognized Canadian university
- not-for-profit organizations
- institutions
- territorial governments
- universities
- individuals who are contributing to advancing knowledge of the polar and circumpolar regions

Initiatives to engage applicants and recipients: Polar Knowledge Canada solicits proposals from potential applicants via targeted calls for proposals. As part of its response to pandemic-related disruptions to northern research, the department worked with funding recipients to adjust funding agreements and reporting plans accordingly. Polar Knowledge Canada monitors recipient compliance with the terms of active funding agreements through in-depth review of financial and project progress reports that are submitted in accordance with the approved project reporting plan.

Financial information (dollars)

Type of transfer payment	2023–24 forecast spending	2024–25 planned spending	2025–26 planned spending	2026–27 planned spending
Total grants	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000
Total contributions	0	0	0	0
Total other types of transfer payments	0	0	0	0
Total program	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000