**CRP.INST.017 | MSVU OCAP Training Grant Instructions**

As stated in the MSVU Strategic Research Plan (2021-2028) equity, diversity, inclusion and accessibility (EDIA) are central priorities to the overall mission of the University. EDIA principles are also integral to the five research strategic pillars presented in the Research Strategic Plan (2023-2028). In particular, Pillar 2 includes research strategic goals of moving beyond Western approaches of research to include a greater emphasis on Indigenous knowledges, including two-eyed seeing, intersectionality and community-engaged research.

In keeping with our Research Strategic Plan, the purpose for the Ownership, Control, Access, and Possession (OCAP) Training grant is to provide funds to full-time ongoing faculty who collaborate or are interested in collaborating with Indigenous Peoples, or in interacting with Indigenous data or information in a way that is respectful of the First Nations ownership, control, access, and possession of First Nations data. Specifically, this grant covers the cost ($500) of [The Fundamentals of OCAP®](https://fnigc.ca/ocap-training/take-the-course/) online course exploring First Nations self-determination, self-governance, and collective rights to data sovereignty through the framework of The First Nations Principles of OCAP®.

Please note that successful applicants will be responsible for the submission of the following items for reimbursement **within 6 months of the adjudication of this grant**:

* A completed [cheque requisition form](https://msvuhfx.sharepoint.com/sites/Intranet/docs/SitePages/Home.aspx)
* OCAP training completion certificate
* A receipt showing payment for the course (please note that if a credit card was used, Financial Services may require a screen capture of the credit card charge)

Incomplete reimbursement forms will not be processed

Submit the completed reimbursement package to research@msvu.ca

The Committee on Research & Publications is comprised of interdisciplinary peer faculty members.  As not all members may be familiar with the specialized language of an applicant’s discipline, it is advisable to write in plain language.

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| **Please Note: The onus is on the applicant to ensure completion upon submission. Incomplete applications will not be adjudicated.**  |

**Application Instructions/Guidelines**

1. **Justification –** Max 1 page
	1. Explain the rationale for your research program to include a collaboration with Indigenous Peoples, First Nations, Inuit and Métis or interact with Indigenous data or information.

AND/OR

* 1. Include a statement on the significance, as the applicant, of learning about the OCAP principles and framework.
1. **Please mention any past training on Indigenous data sovereignty and if you found it helpful.**
2. **Please indicate if you’d like to be included in a waitlist should you not be awarded**

Proceed to Form: [CRP.FORM.017](https://www.msvu.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/CRP.FORM_.017-OCAP-Training-Grant.docx)

Anticipated start date and completion date (must be within 6 months of receiving the Award letter)

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| **Submission Process:** **Submit the form CRP.FORM.017 electronically to** **research@msvu.ca** **by May 1st, October 1st, or December 1st.**  |