



INVITATION FOR SUBMISSIONS:

Innovation Projects that Support Indigenous Languages

The Office of the Commissioner of Indigenous Languages (the Commission) is mandated through the *Indigenous Languages Act* to:

support innovative projects and the use of new technologies in Indigenous language education and revitalization, in cooperation with Indigenous governments and other Indigenous governing bodies, Indigenous organizations, the Government of Canada and provincial and territorial governments.

Each fiscal year, the Commission will invest in a limited number of innovation projects, subject to available budget. These projects will create something new in the Indigenous languages space, and/or significantly improve upon initiatives that already exist, in order to effect real change. As stated in the Commission's mandate, these innovative projects must be specific to Indigenous languages education and revitalization.

There are no deadlines for submission, and the Commission invites project submissions on an ongoing basis. Project proponents must submit a business case, and any other information which could be helpful in assessing the project according to the following criteria:

- a) Level of innovation displayed;
- b) Feasibility of the project being considered in terms of completion of the project and, further, the application of the project more broadly;
- c) Budget;
- d) The risk factors considered;
- e) Impact of the innovation's breadth (across Indigenous languages) and depth (level of change to existing approaches and models);
- f) The extent to which the project is scalable;
- g) The considerations built into the project submission that articulate metrics and evaluation;
- h) How the project proponent intends to share the innovation and provide access to others;
- i) A description of the parties involved in the project and how they are involved;
- j) The methodology that will be used; and
- k) How the innovation will be tested in terms of its success and impacts.

Project proponents are encouraged to send their completed submissions for consideration by the Commission, or any questions to: general.inquiries@ocil-ila.ca