

Request for proposals

Call to local Indigenous artists

The University of Niagara Falls Canada (UNF) is seeking local Indigenous artist proposals for an art feature to be displayed in our downtown Niagara Falls campus.



Deadline: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 — full details on reverse

Artwork will be featured on this wall in the Lake Erie Library.
Suggested size is approximately 80-inches high by 50-inches wide.

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General art direction

- Create a focal point of interest for students and guests entering the Lake Erie Library;
- Be an original, standalone design;
- Require minimal maintenance; and
- Not pose any safety risks to the viewing audience.

Artist eligibility

This call is open to Indigenous artists who are 18 years or older with a connection to Ontario. All submissions will be considered.

Location

The artwork will be in the recently opened Lake Erie Library on the second floor of our campus, on a large wall near the information desk. The artwork will be visible to all visitors as they enter the library. (See reverse)

Project budget

The submission should include a pricing proposal. It should include design fees, labour, supplies, insurance, transportation, installation, and any other associated costs.

Tentative schedule

July 24, 2024: Deadline for submissions, due at noon.

Aug. 7, 2024: Artist selected and notified.

Sept. 13, 2024: Artwork installation to be completed.

UNF identity: Visual element guide

The University of Niagara Falls Canada (UNF) is situated in the heart of Niagara Falls and is committed to cultivating an academic community that prepares graduates for leadership in a digital world. UNF offers a variety of professionally oriented undergraduate and graduate programs. Through an immersive learning setting that promotes interactive and experiential education, UNF takes pride in delivering a distinctive academic journey that readies prospective graduates for success in their chosen fields.

University tagline: Innovation Flows Here.

Campus art direction: The University of Niagara Falls Canada's downtown campus is situated in the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee, Hattiwendaronk and Anishinaabe peoples. We also acknowledge that many other First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples call this region home.

We are committed to building relationships based on respect, reciprocity, and reconciliation as we work, learn, and gather on this land. We welcome submissions that reflect Indigenous culture, heritage and perspectives.

Other elements to consider:

Our new campus takes inspiration from the five Great Lakes, and the immense energy the flows between them. As a junction point between two great bodies of water, Niagara Falls embodies a convergence point of energy from the Great

Lakes and has inspired visitors for centuries. As a digitally orientated institution with five innovative programs that provide the skills needed for the jobs of today and tomorrow, UNF will become a convergence point of ideas and innovation.

UNF provides a modern, technology-driven education that prepares students not just for current demands but also for future challenges.

The Digital Mindset UNF's core educational philosophy comprises Digital Fluency (ensuring students are proficient in digital technology) and Growth Mindset (encouraging continuous learning and problem-solving).

Artist selection process

The review committee is composed of UNF staff and stakeholders. The committee will evaluate all proposals and recommend the artist selected for the project.

Evaluation criteria

The committee will review applicants based on:

- Artistic excellence
- Alignment of the project proposal with stated requirements

Required submission materials

- Visual Materials: Project proposal(s), which should include concept images in jpg format, pdf document, or PowerPoint presentation.
- Clearly describe your interest in this project.
- Proposed budget.

Proposal submissions

All submissions must be submitted to:

communications@unfc.ca, using an appropriate file sharing platform (Dropbox or WeTransfer) or as an email attachment if space allows.

Submissions must be received by Wednesday, July 24, 2024.

(Noon EDT)

Site visits are available on request.

Please contact info@unfc.ca to arrange.