



## Why Become an RCMR Affiliate?

The Rupertsland Centre for Métis Research (RCMR) at the University of Alberta would like to invite you to become an RCMR Affiliate!

RCMR serves as an expansive academic research program specifically geared toward Métis issues. The goals and objectives of the research centre include: building provincial and national connections with the Métis community; building research capacity to advance Métis-specific research; and training and employing student researchers.

We have five principal research areas:

- Historical research and Métis rights
- Institutional deficit in Métis education
- Land use and resources
- Contemporary Métis issues
- Research and analysis capacity on current topics and general policy areas

RCMR Affiliates are individuals interested in participating in the Centre's activities, and whose scholarship aligns with its research areas and mission. Affiliates will be chosen from University of Alberta faculty, RCMR partner institutions, academic institutions (Canadian and abroad), and local communities.

Affiliates are expected to support RCMR's research goals, and can expect to receive support from RCMR through communications, administration, and resource location.

### **Term length**

Each term will last three years. For our first intake, this will begin in spring 2019.

### **Applications**

Applications will be considered during RCMR Executive Council meetings, held twice per year, or as they are received and reviewed by an ad-hoc committee selected from our Executive Council.

Initial affiliates, such as yourself, will be by invite only. If you are interested in becoming an affiliate with RCMR, please fill out the attached application form and forward a current CV to [rcmr@ualberta.ca](mailto:rcmr@ualberta.ca). This information will address your research interests, academic strengths, and key expertise.



## Expectations

As an affiliate, you can expect to:

- Participate in activities with like-minded academic experts;
- Work, collaborate, and undertake joint research opportunities with academic experts in Métis studies and RCMR partner organizations;
- Have access to project development support;
- Benefit from RCMR's expertise in knowledge mobilization;
- Engage with RCMR regularly by:
  - Attending RCMR events
  - Sharing your research through an RCMR presentation series (Métis Talks)
  - Providing ideas and research to RCMR's five primary research areas
  - Promoting RCMR events throughout your own networks
  - Planning relevant events at your own institution with RCMR support
  - Submitting material for reporting, newsletters, or online promotion
  - Mentoring students in topics related to RCMR's research areas
  - Participating in RCMR committees or governance
  - Expanding the RCMR network by inviting external experts to connect with RCMR (including for affiliate membership)

RCMR, in return, will:

- Add your relevant research project information to our website and share updates through social media;
- Include your RCMR sponsored/ related research to our online database ([Omeka](#))
- Invite you to RCMR events that could provide space for you to share your research and to network
- Promote your events, in relation to our research areas, within our network
- Share opportunities for researchers to attend conferences/ symposiums
- Provide access to online databases and access reading room materials
- Inform you of potential research grant opportunities (such as the RCMR Research Fellowship)
- Help build your networks through RCMR project matching and collaboration
- Work with you to develop research programs that support RCMR, the Métis Nation of Alberta, and the Rupertsland Institute
- Provide report editing and grant application review services

We hope that your interest in becoming an RCMR Affiliate leads to the advancement of Métis topics in academic scholarship. We look forward to receiving your application!