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Dear Dr. Rangarajan:

I am pleased to submit this letter in application for the *Elizabeth Tower Faculty Award 2022-23 (Round II) for Research, Study, or Presentation in or about Canada*. I am applying for this award to undertake a visit to the University of Saskatchewan Regina. The visit will advance my work with colleagues at the university focusing on the development of a distinctively Canadian model for advancing a culturally responsive model of health and human services within Canadian Indigenous communities.

I am now working with a team of Indigenous scholars at the University of Saskatchewan in melding the Canadian model with my own work as an Alaska Native indigenous scholar focusing on trauma-informed culturally responsive practice in health care. My work with the University of Saskatchewan group is progressing quickly and my collaboration with this group is accelerating.

The award will support me in advancing my understanding of this Canadian model of culturally responsive health care. Presently, I am in the middle of a long-term project in building on-line modules for helping students and faculty understand a culturally responsive framework of health care blending content from Canadian First Nations and Alaska Native perspectives. My work with the Canadian group has been on-line. I need to visit the Canadian team so I can see firsthand how they have implemented their framework into their approach to care.

The following form the project aims that funding from the Elizabeth Tower Faculty Award will support:


1. Conduct from one site visit in which I will use field and evaluative methods to further my documentation of the Canadian indigenous model of culturally responsive health care that the University of Saskatchewan team is now developing.
2. Translate the practice knowledge base of the University of Saskatchewan culturally responsive model of health care into the UAA on-line modules that I am currently developing and will be infusing into the Human Services curriculum.

3. Disseminate knowledge of the Canadian model throughout the College of Health and the health care community within Anchorage and beyond.
4. Fulfill the expectations of the award for the completion of at least one public forum, principally a forum of health care providers, scholars, and educators.
5. Include in my next papers I am preparing for publication a background statement showing how the Canadian model influences my approach to culturally responsive health care in Alaska.
6. Synergize my development as an Alaska Native indigenous scholar with Canadian indigenous health perspectives and practices.

I anticipate a budget of \$3,050.00. Please note that the lodging and meal per diem I am budgeting for is lower than current GSA rates. A rental car will be ideal in this situation so I will have the flexibility to make the most use of my time. The rental car will serve as my primary transportation from Winnipeg to Regina, from my lodging to the University and various tribal wellness sites. I am requesting 3,000.00. The funds through Elizabeth Towers will support my travel to the University of Saskatchewan for the site visit and per diem during a ten-day period. I will also apply to other university sources to support further travel. I will expend all funds by December 31, 2023.

Item	Daily Rate	Number of Days/Nights	Total
Airfare	\$900.00	x 1 trip	\$900.00
Lodging	\$100.00	x 9 nights	\$900.00
Meal Per Diem	\$45.00	x 10 days	\$450.00
Ground Transportation	\$80.00	x 10 days	\$800.00
Other:			
Total:			\$3,050.00

Sincerely,



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"Chin'an gu ninyu" - Thank you, you came here in Upper Cook Inlet Dena'ina.