

Dear Luminary Charter Partners

RE: ISED Announcement of SSF Competition Results

I am so very pleased to report that ISED has announced the results of the Strategic Science Fund (SSF) competition and Luminary is one of 22 organizations who are successful in receiving SSF support.



Kudos to all of our Luminary Charter Partners. This is a 'stellar first' and will help accelerate Luminary's work to support business schools and Indigenous businesses to grow Indigenous business and research talent, grow new research and innovation collaborations and grow the Indigenous innovation ecosystem.

The complete list can be found here at ISED's website [Strategic Science Fund: 2021 competition results \(canada.ca\)](#).

I will provide more information in early February 2024 after we have revised the workplan with the SSF Officials in January 2024. Also, for your information, I have included below the key strengths that were identified in the SSF application assessment report.

Strategic Science Fund Full Application Assessment Report

Applicant: LUMINARY: Indigenous Works Organization Inc.

The assessment below reflects findings of the Strategic Science Fund Expert Panel for the inaugural competition.

Key Findings Strengths:

- The proposal aligns well with federal priorities related to Indigenous well-being, welfare and economic development, as well as promoting Indigenous Data Sovereignty.*
- Good value in the proposed stream of working with business schools to build curriculums surrounding issues in Indigenous communities.*
- Strong Letters of Support from many Indigenous organizations, as well as universities.*

Your steadfast commitment to advancing an Indigenous innovation agenda for economic transformation, employment and wellbeing will generate significant social and economic impacts today, tomorrow and for generations to come.

Kinanâskomitin, with thanks,

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