# AACUSS (Atlantic Association of College and University Student Services) Special Projects Grant

### **Description:**

AACUSS has established this grant to provide individuals and departments with the opportunity to complete research and develop innovative programs related to issues in Student Services. These projects must enhance existing and/or develop new information in Student Services.

#### Criteria:

- 1. Must hold an AACUSS membership at the time of application.
- 2. Applicant must have held a membership in good standing for at least one year.
- 3. Consideration/preference will be given to members/applicants who fit some or all the following criteria:
  - a. First-time recipient.
  - b. Financial need.
  - c. Identify as an Indigenous and/or equity-deserving member of AACUSS.

#### How to Apply:

- 1. Complete the application form.
- 2. Submit a personal statement of no more than 250 words describing the financial need and how the project will enhance existing and/or develop new information in the field of Student Services.

#### **Grant Details:**

- 1. Up to \$500 for the Special Project.
- 2. Grant recipients will be recognized at the Awards and Grants Ceremony.
- 3. A maximum of a \$500.00 travel grant to present the findings at the next annual conference.

# **AACUSS Special Projects Grant Rubric**

## **Minimum Criteria:**

- The applicant is an AACUSS member in good standing at the time of the application.
- The applicant has been a member for at least one year
- The applicant agrees to present at the next Annual Conference

	5 Yes			0 No	Score
The applicant is a first-time recipient.					/5
The applicant identifies as an Indigenous or equity-deserving member.					/5
	5 Excellent	3 Sufficient	1 Poor	0 No Evidence	
described their financial need.	applicant has no	Some explanation of financial need; the applicant has other sources of funding they can access.	An incomplete explanation that does not demonstrate financial need.	No explanation or response was provided.	/5
described how the project will enhance existing	the project will	Relevant, offers some examples of how the project will impact Student Services.	Lacks relevance or fails to offer appropriate examples of how the project will impact Student Services.	No example or response was provided.	/5
				Total Score	/20