



## Rowing BC Coach Professional Development Bursary

As an integral part of Rowing BC's vision that British Columbia is the leading rowing community in Canada, Rowing BC recognizes the need to invest in the coaches responsible for developing BC's top performance rowers.

The recent coach development opportunities offered by Rowing BC tend to benefit a wide range of coaches and are not necessarily designed to target experienced performance coaches. These coaches, who typically have many years of coaching experience and insight, are often called upon to support the training and mentorship of our developing coaches.

Rowing BC wants to encourage these coaches to find their own meaningful development opportunities tailored to their level of experience and coaching goals. Accordingly, Rowing BC has created a \$3000 Coach Professional Development Bursary. It is intended that one bursary will be offered annually.

### **How can the bursary be spent?**

You tell us - we've eliminated as many restrictions as possible and encourage you to think big! We also believe that Rowing BC's vision that BC is the leading rowing community in Canada will be supported by ensuring we learn from other communities - training and mentorship that occurs outside of British Columbia and Canada will be considered favourably.

- Training that is facilitated by known leaders and/or accredited programs is preferred
- Your proposal may be for ongoing or one-time (e.g week-long) experiences
- Learnings, mentorship and training that is rowing-specific or received from other sports will be considered
- The bursary may not be applied retroactively for training already received

### **Who is eligible to apply?**

Coaches must meet all of the following criteria:

- Have been named at least once to the Rowing BC Targeted Athlete/Coach list since 2015
- Currently coaching at a Rowing BC member organization, and have demonstrated interest and ability to coach performance athletes
- Level III Certified and/or RCA Performance Coach In Training status



### **What is expected of the successful applicant?**

- The use of the coach professional development bursary remains within the framework of the applicant's original proposal. Any significant changes to the proposal must be approved by Rowing BC.
- A report on learnings and experiences, received by Rowing BC within one month of completion of proposed experience.
- Present learnings to developing BC Coaches at an in-person Coach Development Session during 2018.
- Submit an expense claim form with original receipts to support expenses incurred during the execution of your proposal.

**When does the bursary have to be spent by?** March 31st, 2018

### **Requirements: what is required as part of the application process?**

Applications and supporting documents are due by **midnight on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. Applicants must include the following:

- Completed [online application form](#)\*
- Letter of support from senior management of current BC member organization
- Written confirmation that training facilitated by either individuals and/or organizations can be arranged and completed before March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018.
- Written confirmation of any other funding or support that will support this Professional Development opportunity

\*The online application form cannot be saved midway through. As it is expected that thoughtful and complete answers will be given, it is suggested that applicants draft their responses in a separate document before inputting them all at once into the application form. The online application form is separate from the submission of the other three items. The other three should be submitted in pdf form by email to [Jennifer Fitzpatrick](#).

### **How will the applications be assessed?**

Applications will be reviewed by a Rowing BC Selection Committee based on the following:

- Applicant has met the eligibility requirements
- Applicant has provided all information and documentation outlined above
- Alignment of proposed training to current and long-term coaching goals
- Ability of applicant to present on experiences and learnings at a session to developing BC coaches in 2018

### **How will the Bursary be paid?**

Funding will be provided to the successful applicant upon presentation of original receipts for moneys spent on the proposed initiative.

Any questions related to this opportunity should be directed to [Jennifer Fitzpatrick](#).