



The Pulmonary Hypertension Association of Canada ([PHA Canada](#)) is seeking a dedicated and experienced Indigenous leader for the contract, part-time position of **Indigenous Community Connector**. The ideal candidate is Indigenous and has lived experience within an Indigenous community. They should possess strong leadership and facilitation skills and have experience working in health advocacy, patient engagement, or community-based projects. Experience with pulmonary hypertension or chronic illness is an asset. This virtual position requires the ability to work independently while collaborating with multiple stakeholders nationwide.

Pulmonary hypertension (PH) is a serious and progressive disease affecting the arteries of the lungs that can lead to right heart failure. PHA Canada exists to empower the pulmonary hypertension community through support, education, advocacy, awareness, and research. Working with and on behalf of the PH community, we aim to increase the visibility of this rare, potentially fatal lung disease and create a better life for Canadians affected by PH. Established in 2008, PHA Canada is a federally registered charity and has been accredited by the [Imagine Canada Standards Program](#) since 2015.

Working under the supervision of the Director of Strategic Initiatives, the Indigenous Community Connector is responsible for bringing together Indigenous Canadians affected by pulmonary hypertension (patients and care partners) to form an Indigenous Advisory Council. This role involves recruiting council members from communities across Canada, facilitating culturally appropriate and inclusive discussions, and identifying the unique challenges faced by Indigenous individuals living with PH. The Indigenous Community Connector will be a bridge between Indigenous communities and PHA Canada, ensuring that Indigenous patients' and families' voices and experiences help shape the organization's programs and services. By building relationships with Indigenous healthcare professionals, community leaders, and organizations, this role will provide strategic advice on culturally relevant approaches to improving education, support, and access to care for Indigenous PH patients.

Key Responsibilities:

- Assist with recruiting Indigenous Canadians affected by PH to participate in an advisory council.
- Facilitate meetings with the advisory council, ensuring culturally appropriate and inclusive discussions.
- Engage with Indigenous communities across Canada to identify challenges and priorities related to PH.
- Act as a bridge between the Indigenous community and PHA Canada, ensuring Indigenous voices inform PH programs and services.
- Advise PHA Canada on culturally relevant strategies to improve access to PH education, support, and resources.
- Coordinate communication and outreach efforts, building relationships with Indigenous healthcare professionals, community leaders, and organizations.

Qualifications & Experience:

- Is Indigenous and has lived experience within an Indigenous community.
- Strong leadership and facilitation skills, with experience working with advisory groups or councils.
- Knowledge of Indigenous health perspectives, community engagement practices, and cultural protocols.
- Experience in health advocacy, patient engagement, or community-based projects (experience with PH or chronic illness is an asset).
- Strong relationship-building and communication skills.
- Experience with remote community engagement is an asset
- Ability to work independently while collaborating with multiple stakeholders.
- Proficient computer skills – Microsoft Office, database systems, videoconferencing, etc.



Compensation & Hours:

This is a part-time, remote-based contract position with an expected commitment of 30 hours per month (approximately one day per week). The role offers \$40 per hour and flexibility in scheduling to accommodate community engagement and advisory council activities.

How to Apply:

Interested candidates are invited to submit applications to jobapplications@phacanada.ca. **Applications must include a resume and a cover letter outlining the candidate's interest in the position and highlighting their connection to the Indigenous community to be considered.** We thank all candidates for their interest, but only those selected for interviews will be contacted. Interviews will begin the week of April 7, 2025. Applications will be considered until the position is filled.

PHA Canada is an equal-opportunity employer. Applications from members of visible and invisible minority communities are encouraged. Special consideration will be given to applications received from self-identified persons with disabilities or chronic illnesses.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: UNTIL POSITION IS FILLED