EDT: 101



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# Introductions & Committee Info:

- Presenters:
  - Wendy Witczak
  - Marc Dobie

<sup>\*</sup> Information presented here is based on 2018-19 budget year guidelines and policy. Always check the Guidelines tab of the EDT website for the most current information

#### What is EDT?

#### Mandate:

"...to allocate funds provided by MRU, for reimbursement of any tuition/fees paid by MRSA members who participate in education, development and/or training activities as per the Collective Agreement. In addition, The EDT committee is responsible in allocating funds provided by MRU to the dependant/spouse of MRSA members ..."

#### **EDT**

- Collective Agreement Article 28.3
  - Professional Development
  - \$120,000 for the 2018/19 budget year
- Collective Agreement Article 28.4
  - Personal Development/Interest
  - \$25,000 for the 2018/19 budget year
- Collective Agreement Article 29:
  - Dependant & Spouse Bursaries
  - \$25,000 for the 2018/19 budget year

# Eligibility

- Current MRSA dues-paying members
  - Regular, continuing term, conditionally funded term, limited term, or replacement term
  - Not eligible if on an unpaid leave
- New employees must have successfully passed the six month probationary period
  - Course/activity must start after probation pass date

# Professional Development

- Courses/activities related to your career, eg.:
  - Professional designations and related coursework
  - Professional workshops, seminars, conferences
  - Post secondary credit courses even if not directly related to MRU career

# Personal Development

- Activities for personal interest, Eg.:
  - Health and wellness recreation courses taken at MRU (group / minimum 4 people)
  - Personal interest conferences, workshops, seminars
  - Personal interest non credit courses such as photography, art classes

#### What is <u>not</u> covered?

- Fees outside of the cost of the course or conference registration/workshop
  - Eg. Application fees, optional meals/activities
- Recreation courses not taken at MRU
- Textbooks, examinations, membership dues for professional designation/clubs, individual lessons, transportation, parking, lodging fees

# **Application Process:**

Apply online at <a href="https://mrustaff.ca/applyedt/">https://mrustaff.ca/applyedt/</a>

 Link can also be found: under "Associations" at MyMRU>Employee>Employee Resources
& Timesheets and on https://mrustaff.ca/

#### Basic info:

- One application per activity
- Choose application type accurately
  - Wrong apps types will be cancelled

# **Application Process:**

- Limits per budget year (July 1-June 30):
  - 7 Professional applications
  - 15 Personal applications
- Apply by deadlines:

| Semester | Course Start Date         | EDT Application Submission Period | Completion Form Due Date |
|----------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Fall     | September 1 - December 31 | August 15 - November 15           | April 30                 |
| Winter   | January 1 - April 30      | December 15 - March 15            | June 30                  |
| Spring   | May 1 - June 30           | April 15 - May 31                 | August 31                |
| Summer   | July 1 - August 31        | June 15 - July 31                 | December 31              |

Late applications cannot be submitted

- Choose application type (professional or personal) and funding semester
- Fill out your employee info: employee ID#, name, department, contact info, start date
  - Future apps you can search by your ID#
- Enter the course info: course name, start and ending date, cost in CAD, location

- "Department/MRU Paid Activity":
  - Fill out this section only if MRU or your department is paying for the activity
    - Enter your supervisor's name and their email
    - They will only be emailed when you submit the application and when payout is in process (including the \$ granted)

- Combine all supporting documentation into one PDF:
  - Proof of course/activity cost in CAD
    - Proof of conversion if in foreign funds
  - Proof of the start and end date
- Upload the PDF using 'select file'
  - Each PDF uploaded replaces the previous
- Read and agree to terms ("I hereby certify...")

- You will be emailed a confirmation that includes a Reference number
  - Check your spam folder if not immediately received
- The committee will email if the application is incomplete or if more information is needed
- App type cannot be edited, only cancelled

- "Attendance" step
  - All applications require a 'proof of completion' done before deadline: end of semester following end date of course
    - Eg. if course end date is March 17 (winter semester), deadline is end of Spring semester
  - Professional applications require documentation, grades, proof of completion form, conference badges
  - Personal applications just need the check box step

#### Reimbursement Process

- After committee checks application and attendance, MRSA Admin runs scheduled reports for Payroll
  - Applicants receive an email notification that payout is in process & the \$ granted
- Payroll adds the reimbursement to pay
  - May be forthcoming pay or the following, depends on Payroll's cycles
- Earliest reimbursement date is after the application period closes

#### Reimbursement Process

- Professional reimbursement
  - Maximum \$1000 per application
  - Nontaxable income
- Personal reimbursement
  - Maximum \$1000 per application
  - Taxable income
- Reimbursement goes to applicant
- Amount reimbursed depends on:
  - # of apps, how much \$ asked, how much \$ from MRU, & \$ allocated to semester

#### **Bursaries**

- Eligible for spouses and dependants (age restrictions apply) of employees
- Must be enrolled in minimum 3 courses (9 credits) at MRU
- Fall & Winter semesters only
- Paper form, submit to MRSA office
- Linked at <a href="https://mrustaff.ca/applyedt/">https://mrustaff.ca/applyedt/</a> & MRSA website under Employee Resources

#### Bursaries con't

- MRSA employee fills out form
- Form must be submitted to MRSA office by semester deadline
- Application periods:
  - Fall: September 1 November 30
  - Winter: January 1 March 31
- Student must maintain minimum 2.0 GPA
- \$ go directly to student not employee

### Questions??

#### Contact the EDT Committee or the MRSA:

- Email: <a href="mailto:edtmrsa@mtroyal.ca">edtmrsa@mtroyal.ca</a>
- Phone: 403-440-5993

#### Ask your MRSA colleagues on the committee:

- o Wendy Witczak (Chair) o Debbie Mork
- o Marc Dobie o Sam Sadler
- o Pam Jonnson o Sandra-Lee Scalia



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