

# The Community Futures Development Corporation of Central Interior First Nations (CFDC of CIFN) Agri-Tourism Entrepreneur Skills Training Program

The Agri-Tourism Entrepreneur Skills Training Program is adapted from the Indigenous Advancement of Cultural Entrepreneurship (I-ACE) program. It is administered by the University of Victoria Gustavson School of Business. Agri-Tourism mixes agricultural production and processing with tourism to utilize the offerings of agriculture rich communities and increase farm income. Throughout the program, Indigenous farmers, crafters, and artisans will be able to launch and develop an Agri-tourism product and establish a strong business concept. Fostering Indigenous entrepreneurs in the Agri-Tourism sector contributes to Indigenous farmers, artisans, and crafters' cultural livelihood while enabling entrepreneurial development in a meaningful and culturally appropriate way.



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## Important Dates

*Application deadline:*

June 3rd, 2021

*Program start date:*

June 15th, 2021

The program is free of cost. Courses will run three days per week and will be held in Kamloops, location TBD. (Financial support is available).

During the program, participants will create a market-ready, shelf-stable product to offer in local retail, domestic, and international markets. By supporting Indigenous farmers and artisans, the program aims to expand small food businesses and support food processing contributing to local economic opportunities and sustainable employment.

The program will be delivered in adherence to COVID safety guidelines and will include COVID-friendly face-to-face classes and Zoom delivery.