

Building Research Relationships

Research with Indigenous communities requires strong, healthy relationships based on mutual respect, commitment, and authentic collaboration. This guidance document provides resources for researchers preparing to conduct research in the Northwest Territories or hoping to improve their community relationships.

Researchers are responsible for learning how to conduct research responsibly and ethically; fortunately, a great deal of work has been done in this area by Indigenous communities, Indigenous scholars, and non-Indigenous researchers.

Working with Northern Communities to Build Collaborative Research Partnerships: Perspectives from Early Career Researchers

InfoNorth Article

<https://www.wrrb.ca/sites/default/files/Tondu%202014%204416-10268-1-PB.pdf>

Engaging Northern Youth

Hotiì ts'eeda

https://nwtspor.ca/sites/default/files/report- engaging_northern_youth_0.pdf

Community Engagement Tool

Saskatchewan Centre for Patient-Oriented Research

https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5c869fd0e666695abe893b3b/t/60b12ece87eada3a306a19a0/1622224590757/Branded+IRLET_final.pdf

Knowledge Translation and Indigenous Knowledge

Circumpolar Health Article

https://nwtspor.ca/sites/default/files/2003_kt-and-indig-knowledge_copy.pdf

Trust the Process: Community-based Researcher Partnerships

Pimatisiwin Article

https://nwtsp.or.ca/sites/default/files/2010_trust_the_process_community-based_researcher_partnerships_copy.pdf

Ownership, Control, Access, and Possession (OCAP) or Self-Determination Applied to Research: A Critical Analysis of Contemporary First Nations Research and Some Options for First Nations Communities

National Aboriginal Health Organization

https://nwtsp.or.ca/sites/default/files/2005_fnc_ocapcriticalanalysis_copy.pdf

Doing Good Health Research in Northern Indigenous Communities: A Guide to Research Review

Arctic Institute of Community-Based Research

https://nwtsp.or.ca/sites/default/files/2015_aicbr_doinggoodresearch2015_final_copy.pdf

Checklist for Conducting Research in Canada's North

Polar Knowledge Canada

<https://www.canada.ca/content/dam/polar-polaire/documents/pdf/online-portal-for-researchers/Researchers%20checklist%202-pager%20-%20EN.pdf>

Research Involving the First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples of Canada (Chapter 9)

Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans

https://ethics.gc.ca/eng/tcps2-eptc2_2018_chapter9-chapitre9.html

Communicating Research

Aurora Research Institute

<https://nwtresearch.com/licensing/communicating-research>

Resource Library

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<https://nwtsp.or.ca/resource-library>

Negotiating Research Relationships with Inuit Communities

Nunavut Research Institute and Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami

<https://www.nri.nu.ca/sites/default/files/public/files/06-068%20ITK%20NRR%20booklet.pdf>

First Nations Guide on Research and Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge

Assembly of First Nations

http://www.afn.ca/uploads/files/fn_ethics_guide_on_research_and_atk.pdf

CCSIF Guide to Research Involving Indigenous Peoples and Communities

National Science and Engineering Research Council

https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Professors-Professeurs/RPP-PP/CCSIF-indigenous-FISCC-autochtones_eng.asp

Northern Indigenous Government Research Policies

Be sure to check whether the Indigenous governments in the region(s) you propose to work in have research or traditional knowledge policies. The examples below are for learning purposes – contact the Indigenous governments directly to be sure you are getting up-to-date policy information.

Inuvialuit Regional Corporation Guidelines for Research in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region

<https://nwtresearch.com/sites/default/files/inuvialuit-regional-corporation.pdf>

Sambaa K'e Dene Band Policy Regarding the Gathering, Use, and Distribution of Yúndiit'õh (Traditional Knowledge)

<https://nwtresearch.com/sites/default/files/sambaa-k-e-dene-band.pdf>

Conducting Traditional Knowledge Research in the Gwich'in Settlement Area: A Guide for Researchers

https://nwtresearch.com/sites/default/files/gwich-in-social-and-cultural-institute_0.pdf

National Inuit Strategy on Research

https://www.itk.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/ITK_NISR-Report_English_low_res.pdf

