

Doing Indigenous Research: A Collaborative Project on Ethics Review between the Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres and the University of Guelph

Guiding Questions for Indigenous Research

BEFORE RESEARCH BEGINS

1. What is the positionality of the researcher(s)? Are their connections to the research project clear?
2. Has the research developed a relationship with the participant(s)/community(s)/environment(s) prior to starting the project?
3. Have the proper agreements, applications, and understandings been pursued based on what the research community has voiced?
4. Are the benefits to participants and community relevant, evident, and centralized? Have these benefits come from participants and communities themselves?

DURING RESEARCH

1. Are the benefits of the project (as indicated by the community) being prioritized?
2. How are responsibilities to research participants, communities and environments being upheld throughout the research process?
3. Is consent ongoing?
4. Is collaboration with the research participants and/or communities ongoing and community-based?

AFTER RESEARCH

1. Does ownership of data fall with research participants and/or communities?
2. Where is the data housed after the project is complete?
3. How does the researcher stay connected to the research participants, communities, and environments after the project is complete?

PARTING QUESTIONS

1. Why is it important to prioritize benefits to participants/community within Indigenous research? In what ways can this be seen in practice?
2. Why is it integral to uphold the principle of responsibility within Indigenous research instead of utilizing a risk-based perspective?
3. What is the significance of encouraging and supporting Indigenous research within the University of Guelph?

Additional Resources

- [First Nations Information Governance Centre Principles of OCAP](#)
- [Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres \(OFIFC\)](#)
- [First Nations University Indigenous Research Level of Engagement Tool \(IRLET\)](#)
- [University of Guelph Bi-Naagwad | It Comes Into View Indigenous Initiatives Strategy Summary Report](#)