RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS WITH LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY

A Guide for Indigenous Communities and Organizations

Lakehead University acknowledges the history that many nations hold in the areas around our campuses and is committed to a relationship with First Nations, Metis, and the Inuit peoples based on principles of mutual trust, respect, reciprocity, and collaboration in the spirit of reconciliation.

DO YOU want to explore an issue affecting your community?

DO YOU have a problem that needs a solution or have a question you want help to answer?

DO YOU have a project idea in mind?

DO YOU have a program or service you need help evaluating or developing?

ARE YOU considering working with a Lakehead researcher but aren’t sure what to expect?

WE’RE HERE TO HELP!
The Office of Research Services at Lakehead is committed to building research partnerships that address the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.
WHEN YOU MEET WITH US, WE WILL ASK SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR PROJECT OR QUESTIONS TO DETERMINE HOW TO HELP YOU. THESE QUESTIONS INCLUDE:

- **What** is the timeline for answering this question/completing this project?
- **What** resources does your organization/community have (including time, space, and finances) to put towards the project, if any?
- **Who** would lead your group’s involvement in the project?
- **Who** else should be involved (e.g. Elders, Knowledge Keepers, advisory group)? To what degree does your community/organization want to be involved in the research process?
- **What** have you done, if anything, to answer your research question so far?
- **How** do members of your community/organization feel about this topic/project?
- **What** processes does your community or organization have for making decisions and/or working together that you would like to bring to this project? (e.g. Ceremony, research principles or protocols)

DEPENDING ON THE TIMELINE AND NATURE OF YOUR PROJECT, AND THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE, DIFFERENT OPTIONS THAT MAY WORK FOR HELPING YOUR ORGANIZATION MAY INCLUDE:

- Helping you to find an answer to your question from already available research data
- Helping you identify funding opportunities to leverage your contributions towards the project (cash and in-kind)
- Connecting you with a faculty researcher and graduate students who are interested in working with you to complete a project for your organization
- Connecting you with a faculty researcher and student researchers who can help you address your question as part of a Community Service Learning Project
- Helping you to put together a research team to complete a larger-scale project

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