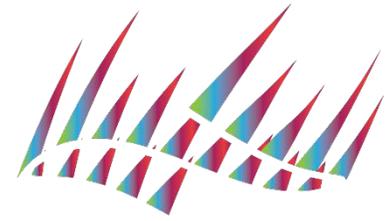


Engagement levels and career pathways of graduate and doctoral students conducting research with Indigenous peoples

Invitation to Indigenous Masters and PhD Students

Join Our Sharing Circle - Careers in Research



LUMINARY

Advancing Indigenous Innovation for Economic
Transformation, Employment and Well-Being

 IndigenousWorks

Indigenous Works is inviting you to take part in a Sharing Circle to talk about your experiences and journey as an Inuit, Metis or First Nations person enrolled in a Master's or PhD program.

Indigenous Works is a national Indigenous not-for-profit organization established in 1998 with a mandate to increase Indigenous participation in the Canadian economy.

Luminary is the name that Indigenous Works has given its new initiative which will co-create an Indigenous innovation strategy leading to economic transformation and wellbeing. To date, 130 organizations have signed onto a project Charter which affirms their intention to participate in a Dialogue which will help build the strategy. Charter members include representatives from Indigenous businesses, post-secondary research institutions and Non-governmental organizations (NGO's)

Luminary has started an outreach to student researchers in Masters' and PhD programs. Given our focus to explore ways of improving the Indigenous research ecosystem it is important that we have a direct pipeline to the students who, in just a few short years will be the research leaders in their fields. An important goal over time will be to close the engagement gap which has existed between Indigenous communities/ businesses and post-secondary research institutions.

The Luminary initiative has attracted funds from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council to conduct research with Indigenous grad students to better understand your motivations to pursue research as a career path. We also want to learn more about your current levels of engagement in your education programs and what supports you need to be successful. We are working on this research with Dr Peter Moroz and Dr. Bob Anderson of the University of Regina and Dr. Rick Colbourne of Carleton University.

Our first step is to organize a series of sharing circles which will bring 4-5 Indigenous grad students together with Elders in a 2.5 hour facilitated conversation to hear about your journey and experiences. We successfully hosted our first two sharing circles in December. The stories graciously shared were powerful and insightful. We will be organizing further sharing circles starting in March 2021 -the exact date and time will be based on your availability. The confidential recorded sessions will be held virtually on a zoom platform. We will produce a report from these sessions which aggregate the key themes discussed in the circle. We will provide you with a copy of the report.

Our hope is that you see value in coming together to share your experiences and in so doing, provide an opportunity to meet other students from varied backgrounds, attending different schools and pursuing different study programs.

If you are interested in learning more or participating in these sessions, please contact us at Indigenous Works c/o Micheline Bélanger micheline@chelsea-group.net

We would love to hear from you. Feel free to pass this document or link on to your colleagues who may also be pursuing a program of study at the Master's or PhD level and ask them to contact us.

<https://indigenousworks.ca/en/luminary/student-researcher-career-study>

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Right to Withdraw and Confidentiality

All information you supply during the research will be held in confidence and unless you specifically indicate your consent, your name will not appear in any report or publication of the research. If you give permission, the discussion sessions or interviews will be audio or video recorded and transcribed. The full recording of the interview will be protected so that the knowledge shared will be respected and not lost. Your confidentiality and the confidentiality of the data will be protected by restricting access to notes, interview recordings, transcripts and other data received by all researchers on the team. Your participation in the study is completely voluntary and you may choose to stop participating at any time.

Ethics Approval

This research has received ethics approval and conforms to the standards of the Canadian Tri-Council Research Ethics guidelines through the Research Ethics Board, University of Regina, REB Certificate #2020-071. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact research.ethics@uregina.ca or call 1-306-585-4775.

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