



**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.

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## 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

### FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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