

Mi'kmaw Research Principles and Protocols

Conducting Research With and/or Among Mi'kmaw People

1. Name of researcher(s) and/or supervisor(s) and related department(s). Name of contact person(s) and contact address (indicate summer addresses if pertinent).

2. Anticipated start date of the research study and expected completion date. Include anticipated field research dates.

3. Title of study.

4. Abstract (100-250 words), giving a brief statement of the purpose, hypotheses (or brief statement of research questions and significant proposed research) to be examined.

5. Funding source: indicate the source of research or study funds, and whether grant funds have already been provided.

6. Participants: describe the procedures for recruiting, selecting, and assigning participants.

7. Consent: describe process by which participants consent to participate in the research project; that is, how will participants be informed of their rights as participants, and by what means they will signify their understanding of those rights and consent to participate. Any research involving children under the age of 14, shall require parental informed consent.

8. Language: describe accommodations for Mi'kmaw language, culture and community protocols in the proposed study, including how Mi'kmaw people will be accommodated in communicating or deriving consent. Describe process for determining and using appropriate protocols and traditions for entering into Mi'kmaq territory and homes.

9. **Methods/Procedures:** Describe the methodologies for this study including choice of methods, approaches, and include any questionnaires, surveys, interview guides, or other questioning techniques in attached documents or Appendix.

10. **Risk or deception:** indicate if any aspects of the study involve risk to the participants or to the Mi'kmaw people collectively. Describe any risk to the person/persons as a result of the findings being reported or published or risk to the Mi'kmaq, such as to their treaty or Aboriginal rights.

11. **Usefulness and Benefits:** describe the benefit(s) for individual Mi'kmaw persons, groups such as youth, women or Elders, etc. or to the Mi'kmaw Nation as a whole as a result of this study or its published report or findings.

12. Interpretation of Results: explain how the data will be analyzed and who will be analyzing the data, including if any Mi'kmaw people will be involved in, consulted with, or informed about, the interpretation process of analyzing the data or in its presentation of its findings and conclusions.

13. Storage of data: detail how the data will be stored to ensure safety and confidentiality of the participants in the study. How long will the data be kept? Will the data be used again in another aspect of the study? Will the participants have the right to consent to this next phase of study?

14. Confidentiality: describe what measures will be taken to protect Mi'kmaw participants and third party privacy (confidentiality and anonymity). Describe if any data may be kept by the community (ies) for their own community research, and where it will be stored. Discuss how confidentiality can be maintained, or how the researchers have informed participants if they seek to have confidentiality released in order for the communities to have the data.

15. Describe who will be the copyright holder of the final document, the author(s), and where can this report be accessed at the completion of the study?

16. Publication and royalties: describe anticipated publications or plans for publication from this research and how any royalties from book sales will be shared with participants of the study.

Please ensure all required documentation is included with application (questionnaires, consent forms, etc).

The completed application should be sent electronically to:

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