

COVID-19 Recovery Research Program

What: This program will fund research that addresses COVID-19 recovery related needs of Yukon-based governments, organizations and communities, particularly where there is a clear contribution to decision-making and planning needs.

How: Research funded under this program will be distributed across three modes:

- Indigenous-led**
- Partnership-based**
- Researcher-led**

Modes of Research

The COVID-19 Recovery Research Program Leadership Team is emphasizing not only the importance of **what** research is funded under this program but also **how** that research is carried out.

This program recognizes three valid modes of research (that exist along a spectrum). We are inviting and encouraging the submission of research proposals within any of these modes. Submission requirements and evaluation criteria are defined differently for each mode.

This program wishes to ensure research across the Modes is well represented in the program. Project leads are strongly encouraged to consult with Yukon First Nation governments and other key project contacts to make a deliberate choice as to which mode best fits their project's needs.

Indigenous-led	Partnership-based	Researcher-led
<p>Projects are led, developed, designed and implemented by Indigenous organizations or researchers</p> <p>When is a project Indigenous-led?</p> <p>When projects are carried out according to Indigenous research methodologies and advance Indigenous ways of knowing, doing and being</p>	<p>Projects are co-led, co-developed, co-designed and co-implemented by project partners including researchers and knowledge-users</p> <p>When is a project Partnership-based?</p> <p>When the topic to be researched benefits from a collaborative approach • When partners are interested in collaborating on all stages of the research project • When partners either have the capacity to be involved and/or the project proposal addresses capacity limitations to ensure partner involvement • When projects involve research across knowledge systems</p>	<p>Projects are led by researchers and may be co-developed or co-designed, but are not co-implemented</p> <p>When is a project Researcher-led?</p> <p>When there is limited capacity for partners to participate directly in the project alongside researchers • When knowledge-users are confident that the research will be carried out in a good way and the results will be effectively communicated</p>
<p>What do the modes have in common?</p> <p>The importance of the research is endorsed by knowledge-users • Project leads may be from Universities, NGO's, Indigenous organizations, industry and/or government • Knowledge will be mobilized to support society-wide understanding</p>		

Why are the modes important?

Reconciliation with Yukon First Nations can be advanced through research. Yukon’s COVID-19 Research Recovery Program recognizes the need for Indigenous self-determination in research and the important role that Yukon First Nations play in research, from shaping research carried out by others to leading research projects according to their own traditions, in order to ensure the results to support and advance well-being in their communities. This program recognizes a spectrum of participation that reflects how communities choose to participate in research, and emphasizes the importance of engaging communities at the onset of a project in order to select the Mode that best fits the project’s individual needs.

How will projects be evaluated?

Criteria for evaluating Indigenous-led projects includes..	
Value to community	Extent to which the research addresses a program priority as well as an identified community need
Research team	Indigenous knowledge holders, Indigenous researchers are leading the project and community representatives, Elders and youth are engaged in the project.
Project concept	Extent to which project clearly demonstrates a link to community COVID-19 recovery planning, decision-making and programming.
Feasibility of project	Demonstrated community commitment to supporting a successful research project.
Criteria for evaluating Partnership-based projects includes..	
Alignment to program objectives	Extent to which the research contributes to an understanding of the impacts of COVID-19 in support of recovery planning and decision-making.
Merit and importance of research	Reflection of different ways of knowing, including Indigenous knowledge, values and perspectives and Indigenous knowledge holders are appropriately engaged.
Feasibility of project	Team members and partners appropriate to the research have confirmed their participation and capacity to engage in the project
Partnerships	The project demonstrates how the research will be carried out collaboratively and how results will mobilized for broader societal benefit.
Criteria for evaluating Researcher-led projects includes..	
Alignment to program objectives	Extent to which the research contributes to an understanding of the impacts of COVID-19 in support of recovery planning and decision-making.
Merit and importance of research	The importance of the research is endorsed by end-users of the knowledge generated by the project.
Feasibility of project	There is confidence that the project can be completed as proposed and comfort that the results will be effectively shared.
Collaboration and Knowledge mobilization	End-users have been given the opportunity to shape research questions and discuss plans for knowledge mobilization.

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