

Building Reconciliation at the U of S

International Centre for Northern Governance and Development

ICNGD Research Agenda: For the North, By the North

DESCRIPTION

Formally launched in January 2009, the **International Centre for Northern Governance and Development (ICNGD)** at the University of Saskatchewan was created to act as a catalyst for placing northern Saskatchewan as a leader in the Circumpolar World. It serves the provincial Norths, an area with a high proportion of Indigenous peoples, by contributing to their social and economic prosperity through the creation of interdisciplinary, innovative, and community-driven discovery, teaching, and outreach.

While the ICNGD does not speak directly to any of the recommendations made by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, we work with northern Indigenous peoples to build capacity so that they can reclaim their culture, language, and identity and be the leaders in building the social and economic prosperity of their communities.

Much of this work is done through the research agenda at the ICNGD. Through consultation, innovation, community input, and mentoring, we are able to co-create robust, practical, and timely research that advances the social and economic well-being of northern Saskatchewan. The research agenda also provides northerners with the opportunity to develop their own research skills, thus building capacity in the North.



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GRADUATE RESEARCH



Reconciliation through graduate research is promoted through our northern focused internships. Students are exposed to leaders in industry and community development through internships designed to conduct community-based research projects. The design of the internship model illustrates the outcomes to address social determinants and

inspires youth to further their education. The **Master of Northern Governance and Development (MNGD)** & Joint Master Degree in **Governance and Entrepreneurship in Northern and Indigenous Areas (GENI)** internships capitalize on key learning opportunities where students engage with local leaders in developing public

policy. The lessons learned from the internship experience in community outreach and engagement, and the practical application of the internship programs, has the potential to set the stage for ongoing collaborations and future projects by building capacity.

A NEW NORTHERN STRATEGY

In 2016, following the tragedy in La Loche, the ICNGD and New North, the lobbying and advocacy association for the municipalities of northern Saskatchewan, entered into discussions on the development for a new process for dealing with social and economic issues facing the North. After

consultation with northern leaders (municipal and First Nations), "A New Northern Strategy: For the North, By the North" was born. This ambitious plan centers around a community-driven research agenda that will provide robust, practical, and timely results to advance the economic and social

well-being of northern Saskatchewan. This is accomplished through the involvement of ICNGD graduate students and northern community members in the consultation portion of the strategy, as well as the research activities.



CIRCUMPOLAR THEMATIC NETWORKS

UArctic's Thematic Networks promote cooperation and collaboration increasing the ability to respond to Arctic issues. ICNGD is a member of three of UArctic's Thematic Networks.

Commercialization of Science and Technology for the North

The objective is to develop a network that supports research and teaching on commercially viable scientific and technological innovations that will support Northern families, communities and societies.

Northern Nursing Education

The goal of the network is to address the accessibility and quality of baccalaureate nursing education in the northern regions. The development of a stable, local nursing workforce in the High North promises to improve community health, wellness and self-sufficiency.

Northern Governance

The aim of this Thematic Network is to strengthen cooperation and capacity among institutions working on issues of governance in northern regions.