



Ways to Indigenize BCCAT's Approach to Research and Decolonize Its Research Practices

Background

Weaving together traditional Indigenous and Western ways of knowing is central to implementing Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Calls to Action as an early step toward decolonization and reconciliation. Toward this end, BCCAT is exploring how it can indigenize and decolonize its own research practices in an informed and respectful way. How can Indigenous knowledge systems inform the inception, methods, and dissemination of research at BCCAT? This project investigates a variety of opportunities for intertwining Indigenous and Western systems of knowledge, culminating in the development of a pathway document for the indigenization and decolonization of BCCAT research.

Purpose/ Goal

To explore how Indigenous epistemologies could inform BCCAT's approach to research.

Scope

BCCAT and system partners (BC and non-BC).

Objectives

The objectives of the study include:

1. To review options for indigenizing research discussed in the current literature;
2. To conduct an environmental scan of effective practices for Indigenous-supported/-led processes at post-secondary institutions (PSIs) and organizations similar to BCCAT;
3. To analyze, through discussions with Indigenous partner-organizations, complementarity of indigenization and application of EDI (equity, diversity and inclusion) principles and decolonization;
4. To identify culturally-appropriate approaches to collecting, handling, and reporting information pertaining to Indigenous people; and
5. To develop a pathway document for adopting Indigenous knowledge systems and perspectives to inform the inception, methodologies, and dissemination of research at BCCAT. This pathway document would outline principles, recommendations, and action items for BCCAT to consider in doing the work of decolonizing its research.

Timeline

Completion date for this project will be no later than March 2024.

Budget

Maximum budget available for this project is \$23,000. This figure is inclusive of all hourly charges, travel and associated costs, and GST.

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This call is open to all interested applicants; however, as this project centres on Indigenous voices and expertise in research, we would prefer this project to be led by an Indigenous researcher/team.