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Northwest Territories  
Network Environment for  
Indigenous Health Research

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From left to right: Anita Daniels-Black,  
Francois Paulette, Rassi Nashalik, John B Zoe  
(Denise McDonald absent)



# Welcome from the Director and Governing Council Elders

**Masi cho and welcome to the 2024 to 2025 Summary Report for the Northwest Territories Network Environment for Indigenous Health Research (NT NEIHR).** It is my honour, together with our Elders, staff, and partners, to share the accomplishments, growth, and continued strengths of our network over the past year.

The NT NEIHR is built upon a foundation of community leadership, traditional knowledge, and relationships. As an Elder-led Network, our governance structure ensures that our direction, priorities, and decision-making remain rooted in Indigenous worldviews, values, and protocols. The guidance of our Elders continues to ground our work in respect, reciprocity, responsibility, and relevance - principles that shape every aspect of our research environment.

This year, our staff and partners worked collaboratively to strengthen community-based research capacity, support Indigenous researchers and students, and expand land-based and culturally informed approaches to health research. Their dedication has enabled us to respond to community-identified health and wellness priorities in ways that honour regional diversity and local leadership across the Northwest Territories.

The NT NEIHR is proud to be part of a national NEIHR network, representing a collective commitment across Canada to advance Indigenous-led research systems, support Indigenous scholars, and uphold the rights of Indigenous Peoples in research. Our contributions reflect not only the work of our territorial network but also our shared responsibility within this broader national movement.

As we move forward, we remain deeply committed to strengthening Indigenous research pathways, expanding training opportunities, and fostering collaborations that uplift community strengths and knowledge systems. We look forward to continuing this work together, in a good way, for the benefit of present and future generations.

Masi cho for your continued trust, support, and partnership.

Anita Daniels-Black     John B Zoe  
Francois Paulette     Rassi Nashalik  
Denise McDonald



# About the Network Environment for Indigenous Health Research

**The Network Environments for Indigenous Health Research (NEIHR) Program, funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), is a national collective of networks focused on capacity development, research, and knowledge translation centred on First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples. These independent, Indigenous-led networks provide supportive research environments for Indigenous health research driven by and grounded in Indigenous communities in Canada.**

CIHR has supported Indigenous health research and training networks hosted at provincial academic institutions since 2002. In 2020, the NEIHR program expanded to include community-based host organizations outside of university settings, opening the door for northern and Indigenous-led participation. This expansion enabled the creation of the first territory-based NEIHRs in Northwest Territories and Nunavut, with the Yukon NEIHR currently in development. The program's emphasis on Indigenous research mentorship across the North strengthens opportunities for Elders and

knowledge holders to guide and support Indigenous students, researchers, and community-led research priorities.

Currently there are nine NEIHRs throughout Canada, as well as a National Coordinating Centre (NCC) that facilitates collaboration among the NEIHRs. This centre also supports a national evaluation strategy, the National Gathering of Graduate Students, and national and international research collaborations.

Learn more about the national network through NCC at <https://research-groups.usask.ca/neihrcoordcentre/index.php>

## Northwest Territories NEIHR

The Northwest Territories (NT) NEIHR centre is hosted at the Institute for Circumpolar Health Research, based in Somba K'e, NT. NT NEIHR's activities fall under four priority areas:

- To foster co-learning opportunities between Elders, researchers, community members and learners.

- To bridge capacity through supporting Indigenous students from the North.
- To conduct community-based research through supporting Indigenous communities and organizations to further the development of research that demonstrates their priorities and values.
- Support knowledge translation and dissemination in the North.

## Elder-Led Network

The Governing Council (GC) serves as the NT NEIHR's central governance body, comprised of four Elders and Knowledge Holders. The council is tasked with considering the knowledge and expertise from across domains/directions of health and wellness (physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual) and being consistent with First Nations, Inuit, and Metis values of consensus-based decision making.

The council has a dual role of strategic policy advice and mentorship roles that align with the NT NEIHR objectives. The GC guides the NT NEIHR on all critical operational and strategic matters, including setting key research priorities, determining Network membership, approving funding programs, advising on capacity strengthening programs and partnerships. The Elders and Knowledge Holders also provide indispensable mentorship and cultural support, through their leadership in mentorship environments.

The current Governing Council includes:



**Francois Paulette,**  
Chair

Francois Paulette, a member of the Tthebatthé Deneşųłiné Nation on Treaty 8

territory, survived the residential school system and later became the youngest Chief in the Northwest Territories Indian Brotherhood in 1971. He was a key leader in the 1972 Paulette case, where he and sixteen Mackenzie Valley chiefs challenged the Crown to recognize treaty rights and Aboriginal title to more than 450,000 square miles of land. He has remained a strong advocate for treaties and Indigenous rights and is recognized in the courts as an expert on historic treaties. Francois continues to protect the lands and waters of Denendeh, contributing

to northern water conferences, films on tar sands impacts, and nine years of participation at United Nations COP meetings, where he helped advance Indigenous Traditional Knowledge in the Paris Agreement. A respected Elder and educator, he is an Adjunct Professor at the University of Alberta's School of Public Health and an Elder Advisor at the Institute for Circumpolar Health Research. He is an Officer of the Order of Canada and holds an honorary doctorate of law from Kwantlen Polytechnic University.



**John B Zoe,**  
Member

John B Zoe is a Tłıchq Elder from Behchokò. For more than two decades, John has worked to preserve, revive and

celebrate the culture and language of the Tłıchq people, particularly through land-based programs. He is experienced in the area of land claims and self-government negotiation and implementation work in community service and with government agencies in the Tłıchq region. John is committed to advancing education opportunities in the north and supporting research that is grounded in Tłıchq cosmology. In his role with the Tłıchq Research and Training Institute and senior advisor to the Tłıchq Ndek'áowò (Tłıchq government), he advises and collaborates at the Institute for Circumpolar Health Research. His work includes participating in research projects as a co-investigator and traditional knowledge holder; co-supervising graduate students applying traditional knowledge methods in their research; and lecturing as invited.



**Denise McDonald,**  
Member

Denise McDonald, BEd, MEd, is a Gwich'in Knowledge Holder from Inuvik that has held

leadership roles in education, health and research in the Northwest Territories. This included roles as Superintendent of Education for the Beaufort Delta Education Council, Regional Wellness Director for the Gwich'in Tribal Council, and Director of Research Development for the Institute of Circumpolar Health Research. As an adjunct professor at the University of Alberta, Denise supports connections to community-based research in Inuvik and provides mentorship and support to students. Her focus is on applying traditional knowledge, community-based research, and knowledge translation through Indigenous governments and northern communities.



**Rassi Nashalik,**  
Member

Rassi Nashalik is an Inuk Elder originally from Pangnirtung, Nunavut who is committed to the promotion and

preservation of Inuit Qaujimagatuqanfit (traditional knowledge). She was a highly respected media personality who had a long association with CBC North, travelling extensively across the North, speaking with northern peoples and understanding their concerns. She has produced award-

winning programs celebrating northern achievements, as well as highlighting problems such as youth suicide. Early in her career, she served on the frontline of health care as a community health representative in Pangnirtung, Nunavut.

## Operations Team

The operations team coordinates the NT NEIHR's core activities by supporting the students, Elders, and community partners, and ensuring smooth administration, communications, and day-to-day activities across the network.



**Anita Daniels-Black,**  
NT NEIHR Director

Anita Daniels-Black was born in Behchokò, NT, and has dedicated her career to

strengthening community wellness, Indigenous governance, and land-based research across the Northwest Territories. She began a 15-year career with the Tłıchò Community Services Agency in 1999, serving in a range of roles from Board Coordinator to Manager of Wellness and Social Programs. During this time, she was among the early members of the Community Action Research Team (CART), a peer-to-peer action research initiative focused on empowering community members to lead community-driven

solutions in sexual health, addictions, family violence, diet and nutrition.

In 2012, Anita joined the Tłıchò Government, serving as Director of Community Wellness Programs and later as Senior Research Advisor, where she continued to advance Indigenous-led approaches to health, research, and capacity building. In 2025, Anita joined the ICHR as the Director of NT NEIHR, where she provides leadership in community-based research methods, graduate student engagement, and knowledge translation.

Anita completed her MSc in Community Engagement and is a second-year PhD student in Public Health at the University of Alberta. Anita is married to Peter and is a proud mother of two boys, Maximus and Jonny. She loves cooking, baking, and spending time on the land—that is a source of grounding, healing, rejuvenation, and peace for her.



**Juniper Redvers,**  
Senior Research  
Advisor

Juniper Redvers is a member of the Deninu Kųé First Nation. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Global Resource Systems from the University of British Columbia and a Master's of Environmental Design from the University of Calgary. Her research interests include looking at the importance of land connection for Indigenous health and healing. She works in a variety of professional roles, including as a youth and family counsellor, canoe guide, professional facilitator, consultant, and health researcher. She is interested in how the fields of ecology, mental health, and education are intimately interrelated, and aims to integrate across disciplines for practical application in northern communities.



**Sophie Roher,**  
Research Scientist

Sophie Roher (she/her) is a health policy researcher and CIHR SPOR-funded Research Scientist at the Institute for Circumpolar Health Research. Sophie believes in the power of relationships and storytelling. Sophie's research uses participatory and narrative methods to foster dialogue and co-learning between communities and health system

stakeholders, with the goal of addressing inequities in care and supporting patient-centred health policies and programs. She completed her MSc in Health Policy and Bioethics and her PhD in Social and Behavioural Health Sciences at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto. Her research interests include: cultural safety in health services, collaborative research partnerships, capacity-building initiatives, northern health policy, health equity, food security, maternal health, and creative strategies for knowledge mobilization.



**Janat Ibrahimi,**  
ICHR Executive  
Projects Coordinator

Janat Ibrahimi (she/her) is a PhD student in Public Health at the University of Alberta and holds an MSc in Global Health from the same institution. Her research explores maternal and child health, community-based participatory methods, and how health systems can better support families in the Arctic. Grounded in qualitative and community-based approaches, Janat is committed to culturally responsive research that addresses health inequities in Indigenous communities. Her personal connection to the challenges faced by women in Afghanistan continues to shape her passion for using research as a tool for empowerment and systemic change.

## **Host Organization: Institute for Circumpolar Health Research (ICHR)**

The ICHR is an independent organization, registered under the NWT Societies Act, based in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories. ICHR is committed to advancing health research, education and knowledge sharing in circumpolar regions. The ICHR's vision is to build on the strengths and knowledge of all cultures to achieve health. The mission is to foster partnerships for the development of northern health knowledge through research, facilitation, education and knowledge synthesis.

The ICHR was founded in 2005 by northern community members, healthcare providers, academics, and scientists who believed that advancing the health and wellness of northern people and communities is an important area of scientific inquiry and public policy. Over the last 20 years, ICHR has strengthened their capacity through partnerships with Indigenous governments and

organizations, health authorities, academic institutions and independent research bodies with an interest in ethical and culturally grounded research.

ICHR was among the first northern organizations to receive CIHR eligibility to hold tri-council funds. The institute leads the development and implementation of health research policy and programs that are responsive to the priorities, strengths and realities of northern communities, while being consistent with tri-council and NT NEIHR's objectives. The operations and the implementation of the NT NEIHR are supported by the ICHR Scientific Director, Executive Director and administrative staff.

Francois Paulette, Climate Change in the Arctic



Denise McDonald, Beading and Wellness



# Co-learning & Mentorship

NT NEIHR's goals are grounded in the knowledge and lived experiences of Elders, who bring diverse perspectives, teachings, and cultural guidance to the network. Through Elder Mentorship Environments, the NT NEIHR fosters co-learning relationships that support knowledge sharing across generations and disciplines. These environments also provide the foundation for the network's broader objectives, including capacity building, community-based research, knowledge translation and partnership engagement.

## Elder Mentorship Environments

### Beading and Wellness

Denise McDonald leads research and community-based initiatives that explore the relationship between traditional art practices, such as beading and sewing, and holistic wellness. Her work highlights the power of arts-based and land-based methods as tools for healing, intergenerational learning, and cultural continuity. Students engage with Denise's work through research collaborations, mentorship, and thesis projects that focus on the role of traditional art in mental, emotional, and community wellbeing.

### Climate Change in the Arctic

Francois Paulette brings a deep knowledge of the land and water, and his work focuses on the impacts of climate change on northern environments and communities. Through his teachings and mentorship, he supports students and researchers in understanding the connections between environmental change, health, and cultural knowledge, creating opportunities for learning grounded in respect for the land.





John B Zoe, Tłıchq̓ Cosmology

## Tłıchq̓ Cosmology

John B Zoe provides critical mentorship focused on Tłıchq̓ self-governance, culture, and the profound relationship Tłıchq̓ people share with the land. His contributions are grounded in Tłıchq̓ Cosmology, the traditional understanding of the people's origin, their relationship to the earth, and the fundamental framework from which Tłıchq̓ culture, values, and practices emerge. This cosmology, which is deeply embedded in stories and legends, informs the very basis of Tłıchq̓ governance and organizational development, including approaches to health and well-being.

Through mentorship and direct dialogue, John B supports students and researchers in understanding how this foundational knowledge can be applied to modern contexts. His guidance highlights how Tłıchq̓ ways of knowing can strengthen food security and community resilience,



Rassi Nashalik, Inuit Maternal Child Health

demonstrating how land-based practices and Tłıchq̓ values must ultimately guide ethical, community-driven research that supports holistic health and sovereignty.

## Inuit Maternal Child Health

Rassi Nashalik contributes her deep knowledge and experience to research focused on Inuit maternal and child well-being. Her work emphasizes community-driven approaches to birthing in Inuit Nunangat, grounded in Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit (IQ) and ways of knowing. Through mentorship and collaboration, Elder Nashalik guides graduate students and early career researchers in culturally safe, relational, and strength-based practices that supports Inuit baby and mothers' well-being.



Student Gathering at beading workshop



Rassi Nashalik recording video for the MOOC

## Student Gathering with Elders

From June 2–6, 2025, the ICHR hosted a student orientation in Yellowknife for incoming ICHR summer students, six PhD students from the NT NEIHR and the University of Alberta, and three summer students working with the Chief Public Health Officer in the Northwest Territories. The week included teachings with Elders, a tour of the Legislative Assembly, ice breakers, and a beading workshop with Gwich'in Knowledge Holder Denise McDonald.



## University of Alberta Massive Open Online Course (MOOC)

From March – Nov 2025, NT NEIHR Elders and researchers contributed to the development of an 'Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Development' MOOC through the University of Alberta's Indigenous Studies Program. Elders Francois Paulette, Rassi Nashalik, and Denise McDonald each recorded videos for the MOOC on distinctions-based culturally responsive research.

## University of Alberta School of Public Evaluation Course

In June 2025, Denise McDonald collaborated with students from the University of Alberta's School of Public Health UEval course to co-develop an evaluation plan exploring the impacts of the gathering on participants' well-being.



Participants from NT and Yukon at NGGS 2024.



# Capacity Building

## Student Support

As part of its commitment to capacity building, the NT NEIHR provides a range of supports to strengthen the learning, well-being, and professional development of northern graduate students. These initiatives help students build connections, access training opportunities, and navigate their academic journeys with culturally grounded support.

## National Gathering of Graduate Students (NGGS)

Each year, the NEIHR National Coordinating Centre collaborates with the host NEIHR to invite Indigenous graduate students to the National Gathering of Graduate Students (NGGS). The gathering features research presentations, workshops, and networking opportunities, with the goal of fostering connections and collaboration across regions.

Over the past few gatherings, the NT NEIHR has supported the attendance of students, Elders and Knowledge Holders from the Northwest Territories and Yukon, helping to build Northern presence and engagement in the national research community.

### NGGS 2024, Vancouver, BC

On October 9 -11, 2024, NGGS was hosted by the British Columbia Network Environments for Indigenous Health Research (BC NEIHR) in partnership with the NEIHR National Coordinating Center (NCC) in the unceded traditional territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations. The NT NEIHR supported the participation of six NT students, two Yukon students, and one NT Knowledge Holder.

#### Presentation Titles:

- Christina Chakanyuka – Nurturing Indigenous Nurse Identity, Belonging, Knowledge, and Wellness through Intergenerational Indigenous Nurse Mentorship
- Joanne Speakman – The Silent Genome Project: Improving Diagnostic Accuracy for Indigenous Children in Canada

- Ashley Ens – Sacred Perspectives
- Shawna Yamkovy – Dëne Sų́líné Yati Language Revitalization
- Alana LaMalice – Azho ahsii ets’edichch’a (Respect All, Dene Yatie translation)
- Nora Wedzin – Our Language, and Our Health

### NGGS 2025, Banff, AB

The NT NEIHR was proud to support Northern participation in the 2025 NGGS in Banff, Alberta, on October 27-30, 2025. This was hosted by the Alberta NEIHR, also known as the Indigenous Primary Health Care & Policy Research Network (IPH CPR). The NT NEIHR supported four students from the NT and two students from Yukon, along with three Elders from the NT and one Elder from Yukon.

Participants from NT and Yukon at NGGS 2025.

A highlight of the gathering was a teaching by Elder Francois Paulette, who shared insights on climate change and wildfires in the North, emphasizing the importance of Indigenous knowledge in understanding and responding to rapidly changing environmental conditions.

Through these connections and teachings, Northern graduate students gained valuable mentorship, inspiration, and a sense of community that will continue to support their academic and research journeys.

#### Presentation Titles:

- Ashley Ens - Nationhood: Gwich’in Knowledge and Strategies for Resilience
- Shawna Yamkovy - Thaidene nene t’sen se dzié nátsër - A Dënesų́líné Journey of Language Reclamation toward Identity Reconnection
- Alana LaMalice - Azho ahsii ets’edichch’a (Respect All, in Dene Yatie Translation)



## Graduate Scholarships

The NT NEIHR is deeply committed to strengthening and supporting Indigenous health researchers in the Northwest Territories and Yukon. Each year, the Network celebrates the academic achievements of Indigenous graduate students whose studies and research are actively strengthening community health and well-being across the region. The scholarship program provides essential support to students whose work aligns with Indigenous ways of knowing and community priorities. In 2024, the NT NEIHR proudly awarded 4 Doctoral Scholarships and 9 Master's Scholarships. Building on this success, the program further expanded its reach in 2025, awarding 5 Doctoral Scholarships and 11 Master's Scholarships, underscoring the growing talent and commitment of Indigenous scholars in the North.

### The scholarship recipients in 2024 and 2025 include:



**Carolyn Belanger,**  
Doctoral Scholarship  
Recipient in 2024

Carolyn is a Métis Registered Nurse from Treaty 6 territory with experience in

emergency and Indigenous community health settings. She holds an MPH from the University of British Columbia. Her doctoral work at the University of Alberta applies a Métis worldview to Indigenous health governance.



**Lindsey Bodner-McLeod,**  
Master's Scholarship  
Recipient in 2024  
and 2025

Lindsey is a Gwich'in mother from Inuvik pursuing a Master of

Social Work. Her studies focus on healing, mental health, and Indigenous resilience. Her work aims to support communities in achieving holistic and culturally grounded wellness.



**Christina Chakanyuka,**  
Doctoral Scholarship  
Recipient in 2024

Christina's research addresses the underrepresentation of Indigenous

nurses in healthcare systems, focusing on traditional wellness practices and culturally grounded mentorship models. Her work engages Indigenous nurses across western Canada. The goal is to co-create sustainable, community-informed approaches.



**Ashley Ens,**  
Doctoral Scholarship  
Recipient from 2023  
to 2025

Ashley is Gwich'in and a PhD candidate in the Faculty of Native Studies at

the University of Alberta. Her work centers on land-based knowledge, culture, and storytelling. Her research contributes to community well-being and cultural resurgence.



**Constance Elise Hazlett**, Master's Scholarship Recipient in 2023 and 2024

Constance's research examines how Indigenization practices are implemented by frontline practitioners and how these processes influence ethical decision-making and local practice. Her work seeks to strengthen meaningful, community-centered approaches. The aim is to improve Indigenous health outcomes from a holistic perspective.



**Taylor Hoggarth**, Master's Scholarship Recipient in 2024 and 2025

Taylor is Teet'it Gwich'in, Vuntut Gwitchin, and Anishinaabe and is completing a master's degree in Canadian and Indigenous Studies at Trent University. Their research explores Two-Spirit and Indigiqueer identity through land-based programming. They have extensive experience supporting 2SLGBTQIA+ communities in northern Canada.



**Lianne Mantla-Look**, Master's Scholarship Recipient in 2024 and 2025

Lianne is a Tłıchǫ scholar from Behchokò enrolled in the Master of Nursing (Indigenous Wellness stream) at the University of Victoria. Her interests include cultural safety and community-based health research. Her work examines how cultural awareness training supports the delivery of culturally safe care.



**Cleo Matthews**, Master's Scholarship Recipient in 2024 and 2025

Cleo researches counselling approaches that support the mental health and wellbeing of Indigenous Northerners. Her work identifies practices that promote personal growth, healing, and wellness. She aims to strengthen access to culturally safe mental health services.



**Jennifer Pitt**, Master's Scholarship Recipient in 2024 and 2025

Jennifer is an Inuvialuk Registered Nurse based in Yellowknife whose work advocates for Indigenous knowledge and cultural safety within healthcare

systems. Her efforts support healthcare environments that are respectful, inclusive, and equitable. She is committed to improving care for Indigenous Peoples.



**Joanne Speakman,**  
Master's Scholarship  
Recipient in 2024

Joanne contributes to the Silent Genomes Project, which addresses inequities in

genomic diagnostic testing for Indigenous families. Her work measures diagnostic gaps in Canada and demonstrates the value of the Indigenous Background Variant Library. This effort strengthens precision and fairness in genetic health services.



**Jennie Vandermeer,**  
Master's Scholarship  
Recipient in 2024  
and 2025

Jennie is Sahtúgot'jine from Délıne and a Dene Kedé speaker

with over two decades of experience in Indigenous-led conservation, language revitalization, and wellness. She leads the First Nations Women Transforming Conservation Fellowship at the Indigenous Leadership Initiative. Her work centers on healing, land relationships, and strengthening Indigenous leadership pathways.



**Nora Wedzin,**  
Master's Scholarship  
Recipient in 2024

Nora is a Tłıchǫ health professional pursuing doctoral research on the neurological

and physiological impacts of stimulant addiction. Her work integrates Tłıchǫ language and cultural approaches into public health research. She is committed to strengthening equitable, culturally grounded care for northern communities.



**Shawna Yamkovy,**  
Doctoral Scholarship  
Recipient in 2024  
and 2025

Shawna is Dėnesułiné from Łutsəl K'é and a doctoral student at

Royal Roads University. Her research uses storytelling and Indigenous methodologies to explore language reclamation, identity, and healing. Her work supports intergenerational knowledge transmission and cultural revitalization.



**Terrienne Berens,**  
Master's Scholarship  
Recipient in 2025

Terrienne is a member of the Northwest Territory Métis Nation pursuing a Master

of Arts in Community Development. Her thesis contributes to participatory research

supporting Indigenous and Northern youth pursuing healthcare careers. Her work aligns with the TRC Calls to Action and MMIWG Calls for Justice.



**Marlisa Brown,**  
Master's Scholarship  
Recipient in 2025

Marlisa is Nihtat Gwich'in and of settler ancestry, raised in Denendeh. She is pursuing a

Master of Arts in Indigenous Governance. Her work explores Northern Indigenous governance, law, resurgence, and their connections to health.



**Christopher Clarke,**  
Doctoral Scholarship  
Recipient in 2025

Chris is a Yellowknife Chipewyan Indigenous architect from the Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation

in Canada's Northwest Territories. He has a Bachelor of Environmental Science and a Master of Architecture from the University of Calgary, and is currently completing a PhD at McGill University in "The Architecture of Traditional Indigenous Medicine: The Design of Health and Wellness Facilities for Traditional Medicinal and Healing Practices.



**Layla Charlo,**  
Master's Scholarship  
Recipient in 2025

Layla is a member of the Yellowknives Dene First Nation completing an Executive MBA

in Indigenous Business Leadership. Her work focuses on community-driven economic development and healing from intergenerational trauma. She is committed to strengthening cultural continuity and economic pathways for Indigenous Peoples.



**Carla Rae Taylor,**  
Master's Scholarship  
Recipient in 2025

Carla is an artist, arts-based researcher, and community facilitator from

Yellowknife. Her work spans book illustration, mural collaborations, and arts programming supporting people experiencing homelessness and racism. She is completing an MFA at the University of Alberta focused on Indigenous wellness and creative storytelling.



**Kristen Tanche,**  
Master's Scholarship  
Recipient in 2025

Kristen is Dehcho Dene from Liidlii Kue First Nation and a Master of Social Work student

at the University of Victoria. Her work with Dehcho First Nations focuses on Indigenous health, wellness, and self-determination. Her studies strengthen her ability to support culturally grounded health programming.



**Vicki Loader,**  
Doctoral Scholarship  
Recipient in 2025

Vicki is a member of Liidlii Kue First Nation and a Registered Nurse with over 14 years of

experience in Indigenous health services. She is pursuing a PhD in Health Services & Policy Research at the University of Alberta. Her research advances culturally centred and equitable health systems for northern communities.

## Student Travel Support

In 2025, the NT NEIHR launched a pilot initiative for Student Travel Support, which aims to provide students and youth with opportunities to attend key academic and professional events. The fund successfully supported two individuals to bring northern Indigenous voices to the Canadian Conference on Research Administration (CARA 2025) in Fredericton, NB, from May 11-1, and the Western North-Western Region Canadian Association of Nursing Schools (WNRCSN) Conference in Kelowna, BC, from May 22-23.

## Wellness Baskets

In November 2025, the NT NEIHR launched its new annual wellness basket initiative, delivering 18 baskets to recognize and support the students in the NT NEIHR network. This is an annual initiative to promote well-being and show appreciation for students' hard work in Indigenous health research.



## Graduate Student Networking Group

The development of a Graduate Student Networking Group is an important step toward strengthening relationships with NT graduate students and supporting their journeys in Indigenous health research. This group will serve as a central connection point for students studying both within and outside the territory, creating opportunities to share experiences, access mentorship, and learn from one another. By bringing students together in a supportive and culturally grounded space, the network will help build confidence, foster belonging, and reduce the isolation that northern students often experience in academic environments.

This initiative also reflects a commitment to advancing Indigenous-led research and building capacity among early-career researchers from the North. Through workshops, knowledge-sharing sessions, and connections to community-based research opportunities, the group will encourage students to engage meaningfully in work that supports northern priorities and community wellness. Ultimately, the Graduate Student Networking Group will help nurture the next generation of northern researchers and leaders, ensuring that Indigenous perspectives, strengths, and knowledge systems continue to guide research across the region.

## Community-Based Participatory Research Training

The Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR) Training Project is a Northern Indigenous-led initiative coordinated by Anita Daniels-Black and Sophie Roher and guided by the following steering committee members and project partners:

- Laurie-Ann Lines, Yellowknives Dene First Nations
- Karen Edwards, University of Alberta
- Kristen Tanche, Knowledge Holder
- Anita Lafferty, Dene Cree and a citizen of Łíídlıı Kúé First Nation
- Juniper Redvers, Institute for Circumpolar Health Research

This three-year project aims to strengthen Indigenous community research capacity and wellness across Northern communities by co-developing and delivering a territory-wide CBPR training program. The project emphasizes sustainability through curriculum development, enabling local community members to strengthen their knowledge and experience in CBPR to address community-identified topics such as family wellness, parenting, substance use, and mental health.

The overall project will be implemented in three phases: (1) Training Module Co-Development and Partnership Building, (2) Delivering CBPR Training, and (3) Knowledge Sharing, Evaluation, and Sustainability.



# Community-Based Research

## Community Project Fund

The NT NEIHR Community Project Fund supports Indigenous communities, organizations, and researchers to develop health and wellness research projects grounded in community priorities. This includes funding for community engagement and relationship building, project planning and design, and knowledge exchange and sharing.

### Nihkhah: Indigenous Culinary and Cultural Engagement Series

The Nihkhah: Indigenous Culinary and Cultural Engagement Series, led by Chef Stephanie Baryluk and co-founded by Sid Mehta, successfully completed its community visits in N'dilo on September 5, 2025, and Dettah on September 9, 2025, and Whatì November 9, 10 & 11, 2025.

Nihkhah, meaning “gathering” or “together” in Teet’it Gwich’in, is a program dedicated to celebrating Indigenous foodways as a bridge between culture, wellness, and community. The workshops brought youth and Elders together for a series of events focused on food, storytelling, and traditional teachings.

Image at top: Nihkhah Workshop in N'dilo



Two images above: Nihkhah Workshop in N'dilo

Gwiizrii Gijiint'ai: Salmon preparation

**Key activities included:**

- **Youth Culinary Training & Food Entrepreneurship:** Participants learned to prepare culturally rooted dishes and explored stories and innovations from Indigenous food entrepreneurs.
- **Youth Cultural Roundtable:** A dialogue circle brought youth and Elders together to explore food as a pathway to identity, connection, and community leadership.
- **Storytelling & Knowledge Sharing:** The project began compiling stories, recipes, and reflections from participants to create a toolkit that shares Indigenous food knowledge and inspires future learning.

**Voice of Denedeh: A Podcast Series**

The Voice of Denedeh project, led by Gerald Antoine, is a new radio and video podcast series created to share and preserve Dene stories, teachings, and voices. Building on Gerald's earlier work with "Dene in the City" on CKLB Radio, Voice of Denedeh is being developed as a living archive where Elders, youth, and community members can come together.

Through storytelling, conversation, and music, the project's goal is to inspire Dene youth to reconnect with their roots and strengthen their identity. Once produced, the podcast will be broadcast on CKLB 101.9 FM and shared online, making Dene knowledge accessible to listeners across Denedeh and beyond.



Two images above: Gwiizrii Gijiint'ai: Participantss and Elders

Gwiizrii Gijiint'ai: Beading



The project is currently in its planning and engagement phase. Gerald is meeting with community members to begin developing the series and will be recruiting a research assistant in the new year.

### **Gwiizrii Gijiint'aih (Do Your Best): Beading, Quilling and Wellness Gathering**

Gwiizrii Gijiint'aih (Do Your Best) is an annual gathering led by Gwich'in Knowledge Holder Denise McDonald of Inuvik, Northwest Territories that brings together Indigenous youth, Elders, master sewers, beaders, and Knowledge Holders to reconnect with ancestral teachings

through art, storytelling, and land-based learning. Rooted in the Gwich'in principle of "doing your best," the gathering creates a space for participants to share skills, build confidence, and strengthen community ties through traditional practices like beading, sewing, porcupine quillwork, and medicine preparation. Since 2024, participants create personal and collective art pieces that reflect their journeys of reclamation and learning, celebrating resilience, cultural pride, and the enduring strength of intergenerational knowledge. Two gatherings have taken place to date in Inuvik, September 3–7, 2024 and August 25–29, 2025.



The NT Sewers in Winnipeg, Manitoba



Archival exhibit

## Museum Visits by NT Traditional Sewers

In September 2025, NT NEIHR supported six traditional sewers and artists from the Beaufort Delta and Sahtu Region to travel south to view ancestral clothing and artifacts at the Museum of Winnipeg, the Canadian Museum of History, and other cultural institutions. The visit, inspired by the Gwiizrii Gajiint'aih gathering in Inuvik, allowed participants to study stitches, designs, and quillwork made by their ancestors, offering an emotional and meaningful experience of cultural reconnection. The group engaged deeply with Northern collections, reflected on the skill and creativity of past generations, and visited additional exhibitions in Montreal and Ottawa. The trip strengthened identity, belonging, and intergenerational knowledge, underscoring the importance of repatriation, cultural continuity, and the role of traditional artistry in community wellness.

## Tetlit Gwich'in Council Fish Camp's Travel to the Indigenous Food Sovereignty Conference

Since 2021, the Tetlit Gwich'in Council has organized an annual Fish Camp, an initiative rooted in food security, cultural revitalization and intergenerational knowledge sharing in Fort McPherson, NT. The camp provides opportunities for youth to learn traditional fishing, preparation, and preservation practices from local knowledge keepers, while also supporting Elders, families, and community members with access to healthy traditional foods. In addition to strengthening cultural connections and land-based healing, the Fish Camp creates local employment and contributes to community wellness throughout the year. To continue building the program's capacity, NT NEIHR provided travel support for the Fish Camp team to participate in the Indigenous Food Sovereignty Conference in Dawson City, gaining new tools, ideas, and perspectives



Exhibit on display



Testing protective gear



Testing fur

to enhance food security efforts and bring strengthened learnings back to the community.

### **Fur & Frostbite: Keeping Warm on the Land: Reviving Indigenous Cold-Weather Knowledge to Prevent Cold Injuries.**

Led by Denesūliné/French Canadian entrepreneur Brenda Dragon is the founder of Aurora Heat based in Fort Smith, NT. This project received Development category funding to support a full-day, in-person gathering—an important milestone in the co-creation of the emerging Fur & Frostbite community-based research initiative. Building on a year of virtual planning, the gathering will bring together Indigenous knowledge holders, youth, clinicians from the Frostbite Care Network, and Indigenous and non-Indigenous scholars (in Indigenous

education, textile engineering, textile archaeology, and health sciences) to strengthen relationships, refine the project, and set shared priorities.

The Fur & Frostbite initiative builds on foundational work by Barker, Schnell, and Powell (2025) across the Northwest Territories, Yukon, and Nunavut, which demonstrated that Indigenous-made garments offer highly effective thermal protection while carrying deep cultural, social, and economic significance. These garments often perform as well as—or better than—issued clothing, while also supporting mental well-being, intergenerational knowledge transfer, and northern economies.

Integrating Indigenous and Western knowledge systems, the project aims to co-create culturally grounded and scientifically informed solutions for frostbite prevention and management.



Behchokò SPARK



Fort Smith SPARK



Inuvik SPARK

## SPARK Inspiration

In 2024–2025, the project “Inspiring Indigenous and Northern Youth in the Northwest Territories to Envision Themselves in Health and Social Services Careers” worked to address the underrepresentation of Indigenous professionals in these fields, aligning with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Call to Action #23. Through community-based research in Behchokò, Délı̄ne, Fort Simpson, Fort Smith, Inuvik, Yellowknife, and virtual sessions, the project engaged 120 participants, including 52 youth, 26 Elders and Knowledge holders, and 42 health and social service students

and workers. Using youth focus groups, Elder circles, and individual interviews, the initiative identified strengths and challenges influencing youth interest in these careers, gathered community perspectives on needed supports, and collected inspiring stories from Indigenous role models. The findings highlight the importance of mentorship, cultural connection, and community-driven supports in encouraging Indigenous and Northern youth to pursue futures in health and social services, laying the groundwork for future outreach and resource development in 2025–2026.

## CIHR Research Scientist Supporting NT NEIHR

On April 1, 2025, Dr. Sophie Roher began a new role as a Research Scientist at the ICHR. Her position is supported through CIHR’s Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research (SPOR) Transition to Leadership Stream and NT. Sophie’s program of research lies at the intersection of northern public health, health equity, and health policy and is grounded in long-standing

relationships with northern and Indigenous partners. Using qualitative and community-based methods, her collaborative projects include: the development of an Indigenous-led community-based research training program, and a study to gather community perspectives about potential change to the Nutrition North Subsidy in Nunavut, the Northwest Territories, and Yukon.

## **Community-informed modelling of interventions to the Nutrition North Canada Subsidy Program**

Sophie Roher is partnering with an interdisciplinary team of Indigenous leaders and northern and southern researchers to explore community-informed modelling of interventions to the Nutrition North Canada Subsidy Program. Funded in part through a Polar Knowledge Canada Research and Activities Grant, this project will work with four northern communities – Old Crow (Yukon), Kugaaruk and Taloyoak (Nunavut), and Sachs Harbour (Northwest Territories) – to explore possibilities to improve the Nutrition North Canada (NNC) subsidy program.

NNC is a federal program intended to lower food costs in remote communities. However, research studies have shown that the NNC subsidy is often not fully passed to consumers. Through a collaborative modelling exercise, this study will examine what it could look like if stores were required to sell a small list of community-identified items at set prices. Community members will help decide which foods should be on this list, and the research team will use store data and pricing from southern communities (i.e., Whitehorse, Yellowknife, or Edmonton) to model what fair prices could look like. The goal of this study is to help communities and policymakers make informed decisions about how to improve NNC in the future.

## **Wildfire Rapid Response**

Dene Elder Francois Paulette will lead a CIHR-funded Wildfire Rapid Response project focused on traditional knowledge and wildfire response in northern communities. Through dialogue, storytelling, and ceremony, the project will bring together Elders, youth, and community members to share experiences and identify ways traditional knowledge can complement western firefighting systems.

The goal will be to strengthen community preparedness and resilience while grounding future wildfire response in Indigenous knowledge systems. Elder Paulette will also mentor students and early career researchers who will work alongside him to learn from Elders, document traditional knowledge, and explore respectful approaches to integrating Indigenous and western practices in climate change response.



**Welcome!**



Máhsí Hejò Raxets'é Ráwada  
**Mársí Jq Nuwe Ghq Núhdël**  
Máhsí Ejoh Nahxe Tah Anet'y  
**Shòh Hàh Aanàii**  
Quana Qaigaffi  
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**Summer  
Lunch and  
Learn Series**



**Hoti ts'eeda**  
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES  
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# Knowledge Translation and Dissemination

To advance knowledge translation and dissemination, the NT NEIHR supports opportunities for communities, Elders, and researchers to share stories, teachings, and insights with wider audiences. These activities foster meaningful dialogue and strengthen understanding of northern and Indigenous health priorities.

## Lunch and Learn Series

From May to August 2025, ICHR partnered with Hotii ts'eeda to co-develop an eight-week summer Lunch and Learn series. The series included 1-hour weekly presentations from northern researchers, policymakers, community members, and students to learn and discuss northern public health topics, including cultural safety and the inclusion of Indigenous languages in health settings, food security, trauma-informed research, and healthy city design. Over 170 participants attended the series.

- **June 18, 2025 – Sarah Jones:** Tłıchǫ Dǫtaàts'eedı (Tłıchǫ Sharing Food Amongst the People) and Paul Cressman - a community-led climate change adaptation initiative
- **June 25, 2025 – Preet Dhillon:** Honouring the voices of Indigenous Peoples
- **July 2, 2025 – Nancy MacNeill:** Toxic Drugs in the Northwest Territories
- **July 9, 2025 – Kyla Wright and Rob Warburton:** Healthy Cities: Lessons Learned from Helsinki
- **July 23, 2025 – Shawna Yamkovy:** Speaking Our Healing: Reclaiming Language and Culture in Health Spaces
- **July 30, 2025 – Chris Paci:** Life in a northern town: food, culture and healing
- **August 6, 2025 - Kaeleigh Brown:** Trauma-informed research: the creation of principles to guide health researchers working with communities in circumpolar regions
- **August 13, 2025 – Competition Bureau of Canada (Ryan Jakubowski and Ann Minu Jose):** Airline Competition: Impacts on the Northern Healthcare Sector

We continue to value our ongoing partnership with Hotii Ts'eeda through the monthly "Lunch and Learn" sessions and the bi-weekly summer workshops focused on northern and indigenous research. These collaborative learning opportunities create an accessible space for sharing knowledge, strengthening research

capacity, and supporting community-driven priorities across the North. Our joint efforts help foster stronger relationships, elevate regional expertise, and encourage meaningful dialogue that contributes to a more informed and connected research community.

## University of Alberta Indigenous Research Symposium

On March 3, 2025, all members of the Governing Council attended the University of Alberta's Indigenous Research Symposium at the Lister Conference Centre. Hosted by the offices of the Vice-President (Research and Innovation) and Vice-Provost (Indigenous Programming & Research), the symposium focused on the

importance of the Indigenous Research Life Cycle. It included plenary presentations and discussions on topics like community pre-engagement, Indigenous data sovereignty, and dissemination protocols. Elder Francois Paulette, was one of the invited speakers at the symposium.

## World Peace & Prayer Day

Elder Francois Paulette was an invited speaker at World Peace & Prayer Day, which took place from June 18-21, 2025.

Francois attended in person to represent the Tthebatthé Denesų́́né Nation and speak on behalf of Mother Earth. The event is a dedicated time for Indigenous voices and those who are often unheard in the international community to share their experiences and seek support. Francois' participation ensured that the voices of his people and the challenges facing their territory were shared on a global stage.





All images above: National Gathering of Elders 2025

## National Gathering of Elders

We're so grateful to share these moments from the National Gathering of Elders, held in Edmonton from September 29 to October 2, 2025, where wisdom, laughter, and pride filled the air.

Elders François Paulette, Rassi Nashalik, John B Zoe, Felix Lockhart were connecting with people from many Nations and Inuit communities, creating meaningful encounters, sharing memories, and strengthening our collective commitment to protect the cultures, land, the water, and the generations to come.

Elders François Paulette and Gerry Cheezie shared an inspiring talk before more than 250 people on Sacred Water and Forest Fire on Oct 1, addressing how industrial tailings and climate change are drastically impacting our ways of life. They also presented their short video, created by Tthebatthjé Deneşujiné Nation. Their words anchored us in Indigenous traditional knowledge and ways of being, reminding us that Treaty rights and responsibilities light the path toward meaningful solutions for now and the future.

## UArctic Panel on Arctic Health and Well-Being

Anita Daniels-Black participated in the UArctic Panel on Arctic Health and Well-being, alongside Vasilki Douglas from the Coast Mountain College and Helga Bryant from the University of College of the North, to discuss and provide expertise in health and well-being issues in the Circumpolar Northern regions.

In this panel, Anita shared and emphasized the importance of communication, care, and shared knowledge in improving health across the Northern and Indigenous regions. Anita spoke about my work in sexual health and equity and supporting

community researchers through Indigenous-led approaches. We discussed northern root challenges of trauma and isolation, promoting more land-based, peer-supported healing and reminding participants that wellness is a balance of cultural and social factors. Anita shared experiences with training local community members, building capacity, and community-based education, along with being more flexible, and providing after-hours care, can strengthen trust and create more effective health outcomes, especially for the North.



Participants of the CIHR IIPH-NCC Retreat and Strategic Planning

# Pan-Northern Partnership & Engagement

**The NT NEIHR builds relationships with partners across the North who support scholarships, community projects, and community-led research.** These partners range from students and Elders to academic institutions, foundations, community organizations, government agencies, and anyone with a meaningful connection to Indigenous communities and the shared goal of strengthening northern research.

## Yukon NEIHR Development

The Yukon NEIHR Development Team is led by Yukon First Nation Elders, researchers, knowledge carriers, and community-based health research experts who have come together to begin developing a NEIHR in the Yukon, funded through CIHR. This first phase is guided by a Yukon First Nations Advisory Committee, which is overseeing engagement and supporting the preparation of a full Operational Grant

grounded in the relationships, knowledge, and values of all Yukon First Nations. As one of the partner organizations, the ICHR and NT NEIHR provide in-kind staff, administrative, and coordination support, working alongside the Council of Yukon First Nations and the One Yukon Coalition to strengthen the Development Phase and contribute to a pan-northern approach to Indigenous-led health research.

## CIHR IIPH-NCC Retreat and Strategic Planning

NT NEIHR participated in a two-day strategic planning retreat, hosted by the NEIHR NCC, from September 4 to 5, 2025, in Saint-Michel-des-Saints, Quebec. The retreat brought together NEIHR Principal Investigators, Managers, and Coordinators to focus on strategic planning for the NCC and the national NEIHR network.





Graphic Recording from CIHR IIPH Think Tank

## CIHR IIPH Think Tank

NT NEIHR Senior Research Advisor, Juniper Redvers, attended the CIHR Institute of Indigenous Peoples' Health (IIPH) Think Tank in Ottawa from October 1 to 2, 2025. The event brought together over 180

participants, including Elders, researchers, and community leaders, to reflect on and imagine the future of Indigenous health research in Canada.

## CIHR IIPH-NCC Engagement

We are excited for the engagement opportunities ahead with CIHR, IIPH-NCC in the coming new year. This connection represents a meaningful step toward strengthening relationships, building strategic partnerships, and expanding networks that support shared goals. We look forward to working closely with

NEIHRs across Canada and the Territories, fostering collaboration that uplifts community-driven research and advances collective impact. Together, we hope to create a stronger, more connected research landscape that supports innovation, reciprocity, and long-term success.

## University of Alberta School of Public Health

The senior leadership team at the University of Alberta's School of Public Health and the Vice-Provost (Indigenous Programming and Research) visited Yellowknife in June 2025 to learn about territorial programs, research, and

education initiatives, and to strengthen partnerships with northern communities and organizations. During the visit, the School of Public Health and ICHR signed an MOU reaffirming their shared commitment to advancing circumpolar health research,



Visitors from the University of Alberta School of Public Health



Office of Vice-Provost (Indigenous Programming and Research)

promoting health equity, and supporting graduate education grounded in interdisciplinary learning and community engagement. This partnership recognizes the crucial role of northern knowledge

holders in teaching, learning, and research, and strengthens ongoing collaboration aligned with the university's Northern Strategy and Indigenous Reconciliation Initiatives.

## Government of Northwest Territories - Department of Health and Social Services

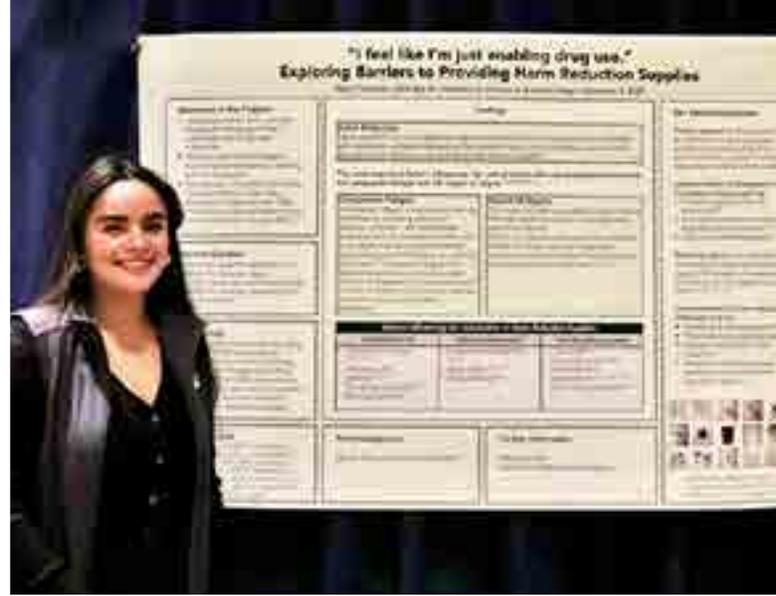
The E!SSS Health and Wellness Toolbox is a collaborative initiative led by the Office of the Chief Public Health Officer (OCPHO) in partnership with Hotì ts'eeda (HT), Aurora College (AC), and the Institute for Circumpolar Health Research (ICHR). The Toolbox aims to support Indigenous governments and community-based organizations in Northern communities to

promote wellness and empower individuals in making informed health decisions. The Toolbox is designed to improve self-testing, self-monitoring, and self-care among NWT residents through a culturally grounded, community-based approach. NT NEIHR will support the evaluation of the project.

## Arctic Development Expo

In June 2025, NT NEIHR had a booth at the Arctic Development Expo in Inuvik to share about the activities of the ICHR, NT NEIHR, and the Nunavut NEIHR. Our team hosted a joint information booth that

served as an active gathering point for community members, leaders, researchers, and organizations working across the Northern and Arctic regions. Throughout the Expo, we shared resources, discussed



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emerging health priorities, and highlighted opportunities for community-driven research, training, and capacity building.

Engaging with participants allowed us to strengthen relationships with Indigenous governments, territorial partners, and northern organizations. Many visitors expressed strong interest in land-based learning, youth engagement, and supports for developing local Indigenous researchers. Conversations also reflected growing concern about the impacts of climate change on community wellness and the importance of culturally grounded health research.

## Northern Health Research Day

On December 3, 2024, the Northern Health Research Day brought together students, faculty and invited scholars from the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program at Aurora College to share and honour their scholarship and academic work. It is a way to showcase and celebrate students' successes and honour students' work. 24 fourth-year students presented their posters in a 3MT (Three-Minute

### Key Themes

Increased recognition of the role of Indigenous-led research in shaping health policy and community wellness.

Continued interest in land-based methods, elder guidance, and place-based knowledge as key strengths in the North.

Strong momentum toward capacity building for community researchers, youth, and local leadership.

Shared northern priorities related to climate change, access to health services, and long-term investment in culturally relevant health systems.

Thesis) format. The students have been involved in research within the context of the Nursing Research course. Their projects introduced students to research and evidence-informed nursing initiatives, including formulating questions, reviewing and critiquing literature, and applying findings through an Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion lens, with attention to trauma-informed, culturally safe, and



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ethical practices. The event attracted over 200 visitors at Explorer Hotel Somba K'e (Yellowknife), including Elders, staff from the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services Authority (NTHSSA) and the Department of Health and Social Services, the Deputy Minister of Health and Social Services, members of the Yellowknife Regional Wellness Council and the College and Association of Nurses of the Northwest Territories and Nunavut. Dr. Nicole Redvers, NT NEIHR Scholar and Director of Indigenous Planetary Health at Western University, delivered a keynote titled "Indigenous Planetary Health and Health Systems."

On December 3, 2025, Research Day is being co-led by Hotii Ts'eeda, ICHR, the NT NEIHR, and Aurora College. The event will take place at the Chateau Nova, with Elders François Paulette and Rassi Nashalik offering opening remarks and prayers.

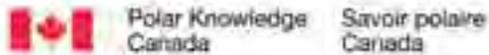
Dr. Christina Chakanyuka, an NT NEIHR scholarship alumna, will deliver the keynote address, sharing her PhD research on Indigenous nurse wellness and intergenerational mentorship within the community. The program will also feature a panel discussion on the importance of culture, language, and land in Indigenous nursing and nursing research, with contributions from Lianne Mantla-Look, Taylor Hoggarth, and Jennifer Pitt, all recipients of NT NEIHR scholarships.

## UArctic Congress 2026

We look forward to participating in the upcoming UArctic Congress and expanding our partnerships across the Pan-Arctic and through international research opportunities. These collective efforts will continue to advance research that is "for the North and led by the North." NT NEIHR will host a session on Enacting Relational

Accountability in Indigenous Community-Based Research: Practices, Challenges, and Inclusive Approaches. The NT NEIHR is also co-hosting the session on Indigenous Self-Determination in Research : Building Indigenous-led Institutions Grounded in Community with the Yukon and Nunavut NEIHR.

## Partners & Funders



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