



Excerpts from an Insufficiently Responsive Human Ethics Application - Insufficient Community Engagement Plan

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1.8 Objectives:*

The primary objective is to better understand gender-based violence in Canada and the effectiveness of current gender-based violence prevention measures. Project findings will provide a snapshot of gender-based violence and help inform decision-makers and practitioners on best practices for gender-based violence prevention and existing gaps in supports. These findings will also advise a federal government data collection pilot on gender-based violence and a policy brief for the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives.

1.10 Methods:*

This project will use two primary methods:

Method 1: To conduct a scoping review using the methodology developed by Arksey & O'Malley (2005) of academic and grey literature on gender-based violence to contextualize the topic in Canada. The review will focus on Canada, the United States, and Australia over the last ten years and will identify themes and strategies across contexts and expose current gaps in knowledge for this topic.

Method 2: To conduct at least 15 semi-structured interviews with stakeholders and 15 interviews with those with lived experience to explore the current context of gender-based violence in Canada, the effectiveness of gender-based violence prevention measures, and intersection with demographic factors. The stakeholder interviews will include participants who are service providers for gender-based violence prevention and supports. The researchers will recruit the set of other participants with lived experience of gender-based violence through contacts in programs and service organizations that address gender-based and intimate partner violence.

4.0 Research Involving the First Nations, Inuit, and Metis Peoples of Canada

4.1 Does your research fall into any of the following categories? If any of (a) to (e) apply, answer yes.

- (a) research conducted in First Nations, Inuit or Metis territories;
- (b) recruitment criteria that include Indigenous identity as a factor for the entire study or for a subgroup in the study;
- (c) research that seeks input from participants regarding a community's cultural heritage, artefacts, traditional knowledge or unique characteristics;
- (d) research in which Indigenous identity or membership in an Indigenous community is used as a variable for the purpose of analysis of the research data;
- (e) interpretation of research results that will refer to Indigenous communities, peoples, language, history or culture.

Indigenous Community:* ☒ Yes

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4.2 Provide details about any of the above criteria that apply to this research.

Criteria Details:

Interpretation of research results that will refer to Indigenous communities, peoples, language, history or culture

Though this project is not focused on Indigenous peoples, it is expected that some of our findings may include Indigenous peoples as they comprise a potentially sizeable proportion of populations who experience gender-based violence.

4.3 Community/Stakeholder engagement is a process that could take many forms, but should be responsive to the needs and practices of the community and people. Engagement should occur prior to any research activities and be maintained over the course of the research.

If the engagement plan is in oral form, please provide the details here.

Provide a plan for engagement with the relevant community or stakeholders. For example, researchers might consult, seek consent from, or make an agreement with Elders, leaders, or other community representatives.

Engagement Plan:

The stakeholders who will be participating in this project have long-standing relationships with the applicant through previous projects that involved their organizations, and many of them have existing Indigenous protocols that we can use for engaging with any Indigenous participants.

If there is a formal written agreement, please indicate that here, and then attach that agreement to this submission.

Formal Written Agreement:

N/A

4.4 Provide the plan for compliance with other relevant frameworks for research involving Indigenous groups or communities (e.g., OCAP®, Nunavut Research Institute's "Negotiating Research Relationships with Inuit Communities," MFNERC's "Guidelines for Ethical Research in Manitoba First Nations," National Aboriginal Health Organization's "Principles of Ethical Metis Research," a Nation or Community-Based research or ethics guideline, etc.). Please provide details below.

Framework:

This project will use OCAP to collect and manage any data related to Indigenous peoples, and we will refer to Chapter 9 of the TCPS 2 (2018) for ethical guidance. It will also follow any relevant stakeholder protocols, such as those identified in 4.3.

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Commented [A3]: It would be a stronger application with the addition of either a formal written agreement or an explanation of alternative partnership practices, such as engaging in ceremony, making oral agreements with Indigenous partners/collaborators, etc.

Commented [A4]: Applicants should provide a detailed description of how the researchers intend to engage meaningfully and ethically with Indigenous peoples using Indigenous frameworks (i.e., not just referencing various frameworks, but explaining the particular ways that they will be applied to the project).



4.5 Provide information on how final results of the study will be shared with the participating community. e.g., via band office, special presentation, deposit in community school.

Sharing Results:

Final results will be shared with the participating stakeholder service providers through presentations and through a publicly available policy brief for the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives.

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