



Navigating the New Arctic Community Office

FOSTERING INDIGENOUS-LED RESEARCH CONVERGENCE WORKING GROUP

May 2024 - May 2025

Areas of focus:

1. Create place-based healing spaces.
2. Educate early career researchers on best practices to foster Indigenous-led research and make spaces to build relationships with communities.
3. Address policies that are barriers to Indigenous-led research within NSF and research institutions.
4. Create recommendations for future work to be done.

Arctic Together Podcasts. We were featured in two episodes of the Arctic Together podcast series—one highlighting the perspectives of early career co-leads and another focusing on experienced co-leads. In addition, we produced a mini-series covering key topics such as: developing community-led research and observing networks, non-Indigenous support for fostering Indigenous-led research, liaisoning/boundary spanner roles, and working within one's own community and with family.

March 2025 - “Strategies Toward Indigenous-Led Research: Be a Changemaker in Arctic Research at Every Stage of Your Career”. We hosted a day-long workshop at Arctic Science Summit Week in Boulder, CO. The event brought together over 30 participants from across career stages, disciplines, and roles, including both researchers and administrators. Breakout group discussions were synthesized into a publicly available report, offering actionable insights and recommendations for fostering Indigenous-led research practices.



LEGACY PRODUCTS

- Notes from March 2024 NNA Meeting session “Community Check-In: A Discussion Around NNA Successes and Challenges in Co-Production Research”
- Notes from March 2025 Arctic Science Summit Week Session “Strategies Toward Indigenous-Led Research: Be a Changemaker in Arctic Research at Every Stage of Your Career”
- The group produced several episodes for the Arctic Together Podcast Series featuring a range of perspectives, including early career co-leads, experienced co-leads, non-Indigenous researchers, and Indigenous community members and researchers—exploring themes related to collaboration, leadership, and community-driven research.



[Fostering Indigenous-Led Research CWG webpage](#)

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Thank you for your hard work!



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