



British Columbia Network Environment for Indigenous Health Research **BC NEIHR**

The BC NEIHR is one of nine Indigenous-led networks across Canada that support **research leadership** among Indigenous (*First Nations, Métis and Inuit*) communities, collectives and organizations (ICCOs). This five-year NEIHR program also supports **Indigenous student research** and facilitates **community-led research partnerships** between ICCOs, students, researchers and organizations. Through an extensive network of experienced and dedicated members and partners, including the *First Nations Health Authority, BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres, and Métis Nation BC*, the BC NEIHR supports an **Indigenous-led** provincial health research agenda.

Woven from the **values, knowledge systems, priorities and leadership** of Indigenous Peoples in BC, our collective vision is to contribute to the **improved health, wellbeing and strength of Indigenous Peoples** by:

SUPPORTING INDIGENOUS HEALTH RESEARCH LEADERSHIP

Develop a BC Indigenous health Data Plan; support ICCOs to become eligible to receive health research funds; and co-develop health research resources and materials for ICCOs.

SUPPORTING CULTURALLY SAFE AND ETHICAL INDIGENOUS HEALTH RESEARCH

Enable and support culturally safe Indigenous health research in BC; offer targeted training to University Research Ethic Boards (REBs); and support the creation of a BC Indigenous Community Research Ethics Board/Committee.

SUPPORTING INDIGENOUS HEALTH RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT

Provide funds to ICCOs for research development; funds to support ICCOs to share the findings of their research; funds for Indigenous health pilot projects; and funds to support Indigenous Master's and Doctoral scholarships and Post-Doctoral fellowships.

SUPPORTING INDIGENOUS HEALTH RESEARCH CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

Train and support five *Indigenous Research Trainee Facilitators* to support ICCOs. These facilitators will provide guidance and promote Indigenous-led health research within BC and build ICCO success in major funding applications to external health research agencies.

For questions or more information, please contact the Network Coordinator at bcneihr@uvic.ca