

EXTERNAL RESEARCH SPACE

Projects taking place within the External Research Space are typically governed by formal research relationships between First Light and an external research partner. This Research Space is designed primarily for researchers from academic institutions (faculty, graduate students, and postdoctoral fellows), government agencies, and community organizations.

All external partners working within this Research Space must be able to demonstrate that they are fully committed to pursuing community-driven research in a manner that is consistent with First Light's values. Projects may be initiated by either party, with First Light having the ability to prioritize urgent needs through requests for proposals or by approaching pre-approved researchers.

All External Research Space projects will follow the standard Research Stages that are outlined in First Light's *Research Policy Framework*. All external research partners are advised to review the Framework in its entirety.

APPLICATION

This Research Space applies if you are proposing to undertake a research project that involves working with First Light staff and/or working through First Light to engage members of the St. John's urban Indigenous community. This may include research in areas such as health, education, economic development, social services, cultural practices, and more.

QUALIFICATIONS & REQUIREMENTS

To be approved to undertake projects in this Research Space, you must:

- Be able to demonstrate a sound understanding of the histories and cultures of Indigenous Peoples in Newfoundland and Labrador;
- Provide evidence of ethical research practices and procedures that respect Indigenous knowledge and traditions;
- Work collaboratively with First Light and the urban Indigenous community in co-developing research questions, data collection methods, and dissemination plans;
- Have relevant academic or professional qualifications and experience; and
- Agree to adhere to First Light's Research Policy Framework.

RESEARCH CO-DEVELOPMENT

First Light values co-developing research projects with external research partners to achieve research objectives that:

1. Advance public understanding of, or work related to, the First Voice Calls for Change;
2. Serve the needs and priorities of the urban Indigenous community in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador;
3. Help to address one or more organizational priorities as identified by First Light;
4. Prioritize urban Indigenous voices and perspectives within research communities; and/or
5. Build research capacity within the St. John's urban Indigenous community.

You are encouraged to consider how your research interests and topic areas intersect with the above objectives. These areas of intersection will serve as a starting point for co-developing one or more specific research questions, the pursuit of which will be mutually beneficial to all research partners and the broader urban Indigenous community in St. John's.

GETTING STARTED

To begin the process of engaging with First Light for research purposes, you are encouraged to review our *Research Policy Framework* in its entirety. We then invite you to contact First Light's designated Research Lead to discuss your proposed project.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information, please contact First Light's designated Research Lead by email at research@firstlightnl.ca or by phone at **709-726-5902**.

