Expression of Interest:
Western University's Indigenous Research Gathering
June 14 & 15, 2027
Wampum Learning Lodge, Western University

Overview
This Gathering seeks to uplift Indigenous-led research connected[1] to Western University and surrounding communities while strengthening relationships between Indigenous communities and Western affiliated researchers, students, and allies. We are inviting researchers and Indigenous communities/organizations to share Indigenous-led research, community research priorities, and engage in dialogue to discuss opportunities for collaboration and future support. Grounded in Indigenous research paradigms, the gathering centers relationship, reciprocity, responsibility, and ceremony as foundational to research practice.

This gathering will be of particular interest to individuals who are actively engaged in Indigenous research or who hold leadership and/or research support roles in an Indigenous community or organization. Space permitting, we will extend registration to allied individuals who are interested in participating as learners.

Expression of Interest and Abstract Submission Process
Individuals who are interested in participating in the Gathering are invited to fill out an application form and submit an abstract for presentation (if applicable) by January 18, 2027 via (https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/3w2FiSDHHH). Individuals selected to present or to attend as non-presenters will be formally invited to register for the gathering in February 2027. There are no registration fees for students, Indigenous faculty, or Indigenous community-members. The registration fee for all other individuals is $150.

Participation options include:
1) Presenter (selected via abstract adjudication),
2) Non-Presenter (Indigenous researcher or student): actively engaged with Indigenous research project(s),
3) Non-Presenter (Administrator/Leader): not actively engaged in Indigenous research but play support role (e.g. administrative staff or community/academic leader),
4) Non-Presenter (Learner): allied academic interested in participating as a learner.

For poster & oral presentations, abstract submission to include:

- 250-word maximum abstract describing your research
- Names of all co-presenters and their affiliations (if applicable)
- Stage of Research (engagement, proposal development, data collection, analysis, results, publication)

[1] Research connected to Western University and surrounding communities includes research that is led by any of the Indigenous Postsecondary Education Council member communities/organizations or by a researcher or student from Western. For example, if an IPEC member First Nation is doing research in partnership with a university that is not Western, the non-Western academic partners are welcome to co-present with the First Nation research team. Similarly, if a Western faculty member is doing research with Indigenous communities in Northern Ontario or out of province, they are eligible to present their research.

- Preferred presentation format (either a poster presentation or a 20-minute oral presentation) – note, we can accommodate more posters than presentations.

For more information contact: indigenousresearch@uwo.ca

Draft Gathering Agenda

Monday June 14, 2027	
9:00am-12:00pm	Opening + Ceremony at the Wampum Learning Lodge
12:00pm-1:00pm	Lunch + Remarks from Senior Leaders
1:00pm-1:30pm	Keynote
1:30 pm -4:30pm	2 Concurrent Sessions (Indigenous Community & Allied scholars)
4:30 pm -6:00pm	Relationship Building Reception
Tuesday June 15, 2027	
9:00am-9:15am	Opening
9:15am-10:30am	Oral Presentation Sessions
10:30am-10:45am	Morning Break
10:45am-12:00pm	Oral Presentation Sessions
12:00pm-1:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm-2:30pm	Poster Session
2:30pm-2:45pm	Afternoon Break
2:45pm-4:30pm	Gathering Summary/Wrap-up + Closing