

The Statement of Benefits Questionnaire

1. What is your personal interest in undertaking this research, and how do you see it benefiting you?
2. How is this topic relevant to Indigenous scholarship and the [PhD Vision Statement](#)?
3. How will this research benefit the professional, policy, or community needs and/or aspirations of Indigenous peoples or Nations?
4. How will Indigenous knowledge be respected and protected in this dissertation research?
5. What other steps are you taking to ensure that this research is being carried out in accordance with the values of ethical Indigenous research? (e.g., following community consultation processes and protocols)

PhD Vision Statement

The Ph.D. Program in Indigenous Studies at Trent University seeks to ensure that physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual dimensions of Indigenous knowledges, as reflected in historic and contemporary worldview and expressed in practice, are articulated, discussed, documented, recognized and respected.

To achieve this vision, the program offers educational opportunities at an advanced level of study where students engage in learning experiences that are grounded in the program field of Indigenous Knowledges: Peoples, Lands, Waters, Cultures.

Students will be engaged in learning experiences that are centered in Indigenous cultures in content and process and which reflect the interaction between traditional and contemporary Indigenous knowledges within the academic context.

Ours is an interdisciplinary program developed and sustained in partnership with Indigenous communities which seeks to advance learning through creative interaction of teaching, research and experience of the highest quality.