

Researcher Commitment

Researchers¹ affiliated with Institut nordique du Québec (INQ) agree to:

1. Review and apply, to the best of their ability, the recommendations² set out in the Guides for Research in Northern Environments, a guide to best practices for conducting research in the North. Researchers are encouraged to follow these recommendations in their own work and to promote their application among collaborators, students, and staff conducting fieldwork in northern regions;
2. Contribute to and participate, to the best of their ability, in all activities organized by INQ. These may include, but are not limited to, the annual scientific meeting, scientific programming, research infrastructure management, logistical support for missions in the North and the Arctic, relationships with northern communities, partnerships with the private sector, and initiatives that facilitate northern research in Quebec and Canada;
3. Provide an up-to-date CV and consent to the extraction of specific information³ from the CV to help fulfill the obligations of the institution that signed the INQ membership agreement;
4. Identify themselves as INQ-affiliated researchers on their website;
5. Acknowledge INQ in connection with any research project funded by INQ.

I, _____, acknowledge the commitments outlined above and agree to comply with them throughout my affiliation with Institut nordique du Québec.

Researcher's Signature

Date

Name of Institution

1 – AFFILIATED RESEARCHERS

Affiliated researchers must meet the following definition:

A researcher from an INQ member institution whose work focuses on topics relevant to northern and Arctic regions and aligns with INQ's Research Strategy. Researchers whose expertise is not specifically focused on the North but who can contribute innovative solutions or help address issues specific to these remote environments are also encouraged to join INQ's research community.

2 – RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE GUIDES FOR RESEARCH IN NORTHERN ENVIRONMENTS

The First Peoples Committee encourages research communities to remain mindful of the concerns and priorities of Indigenous Nations and to apply the following recommendations in order to foster meaningful and mutually beneficial collaborations:

- Be informed about the cultural, socioeconomic, and political contexts of Indigenous partner communities;
- Adopt an allyship approach without self-identifying as an ally;
- Promote knowledge and skills transfer among research communities and Indigenous and non-Indigenous partners;
- Provide employment and training opportunities by prioritizing the hiring and training of local community members;
- Involve First Peoples in the preparation and development of grant applications;
- Serve as a role model for youth in Indigenous communities by sharing not only knowledge but also experiences and career paths in research;
- Design research to support the development of concrete and practical tools that benefit communities;
- Prioritize local goods and services when research teams are working in northern regions;
- Minimize the ecological footprint of research activities by leaving no waste or equipment behind unless it can be used locally.

3 – CV INFORMATION TO BE EXTRACTED

To facilitate the work of administrative staff at INQ member universities, who are required to provide certain information, affiliated researchers are asked to submit their CVs. INQ staff will extract the information required under the membership agreement, including:

- a. the names of researchers, students, postdoctoral fellows, and professional staff involved in projects;
- b. projects that contribute to INQ's mission and the funding associated with these projects;
- c. the involvement and contributions of northern communities or organizations in INQ-related projects.

Please note that northern- or Arctic-focused projects identified through researchers' CVs will not be presented as INQ-funded projects. Rather, they will be included in a project database designed to catalogue scientific expertise that contributes to the sustainable future of Northern Quebec. Projects that are currently funded or subsequently receive funding from INQ will display the INQ seal. Creating a database of research projects that contribute to advancing knowledge of the North and the Arctic is one of INQ's objectives.