

Improving Access to University Education in the Canadian Arctic

Summary

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Increased participation in postsecondary education is of primary concern for Inuit. The goal of this research proposal is to provide evidence-based research on Inuit participation in University education throughout Inuit Nunaat and to promote a national discussion amongst provider of university program in Inuit Nunaat, Northern institutions and Inuit organizations in order to develop a more coordinated effort in program delivery, curriculum development. More specifically this research has three objectives: 1) Make an inventory and evaluation of past and present university initiatives in Inuit Nunaat or for Inuit in term of curriculum, delivery methods and success, 2) Evaluate the Inuit Peoples needs and experiences with postsecondary programs or courses in order to better understand educational paths and university successes from the point of view of the Inuit 3) Develop different scenarios to improve access to university education for Inuit and Northerners in Inuit Nunaat. The data will be collected through surveys and in-depth interviews. A workshop convening all the stakeholders in University education in the Canadian arctic will also be organized. We expect this research to provide evidence-based data on the Inuit students university experience. More specifically the following product are expected:

- Data on Inuit participation in university programs
- Definition of university and educative success from a point of view of Inuit that will help university program providers deliver programs better adapted to the needs of Inuit students
- Monitoring of Inuit student success according to this definition
- Inventory and evaluation of the university program delivered in Inuit Nunaat and for Inuit students
- Development of scenarios to improve access to University program for Inuit students.

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