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Research Team & Alliances

The research alliance includes Aboriginal communities, the Oblates missionaries and Indigenous/non-Indigenous scholars at four universities: University of Alberta, University of Winnipeg, University of St. Paul, University of Mount St. Vincent. The research team meets bi-annually at the University of Alberta to discuss the project outcomes. For each of the partnerships, research team representatives were appointed to represent the larger groups involved in CURA "Healing Through Language and Culture".

The Research Team Representatives

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What does CURA mean?

CURA is a shortened word for "Community University Research Alliance". The Social Sciences Humanities Research Council provides a research grant to those Canadian universities that establish a working relationship and partnership with surrounding communities. In this case, the University of Alberta has established a partnership with Aboriginal communities of Northwestern Canada.

What will CURA "Healing Through Language & Culture" research?

- Oblate missionary texts, documents, photographs, recorded notes, books, dictionaries
- Aboriginal language usage & meanings
- Academic Theories
- Community members stories

Who is involved in the CURA research partnership?

- ▶ Aboriginal Communities
- ▶ Indigenous & non-Indigenous Scholars
- ▶ Oblate missionaries

Research Questions

The Cura Project "*Healing Through Language and Culture*" will be guided by ten (10) major questions that seek to gain deeper understanding of the relationship between Aboriginal peoples, cultures, languages and the Oblates missionaries in various communities.

What can the CURA Research Project do in your community?

The Cura Project "*Healing Through Language and Culture*" will utilize the skills and abilities of Indigenous Graduate Research Assistants (GRA) to work with Aboriginal communities. Current GRA's are Doctoral students enrolled in the Indigenous Peoples Education Program, Faculty of Education with the University of Alberta. Some examples of community based projects that the GRA's can help you in your community include but, are not limited to the following:

- ▶ *Presentations on Residential School histories*
- ▶ *Establish and/or assist in obtaining Archival photograph collections*
- ▶ *Obtain Archival research/support*
- ▶ *Create Digital stories*
- ▶ *Record and/or assist in recording Community histories*
- ▶ *Develop local school resource materials*
- ▶ *Coordinate Youth, women's, men's healing sessions and workshops*
- ▶ *Facilitate healing circles*

What is the Research approach?

The CURA project will use an Indigenous Research Methodology.

What is an Indigenous Research Methodology?

Indigenous Research Methodology (IRM) is a community based research approach that honors Indigenous ways of being and knowing. Indigenous scholars shall utilize IRM and respectfully engage with Aboriginal communities by acknowledging culturally appropriate practices and protocols.



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