



# FIRST NATIONS HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECRETARIAT OF MANITOBA

Building on 20 YEARS of EXPERIENCE as the Regional Information Research Governance Committee

## CALL OUT TO ALL MANITOBA FIRST NATION CITIZENS HEALTH INFORMATION RESEARCH GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The HIRGC was established in 1996. Since 1998, the Assembly of Manitoba (AMC) Chiefs-in-Assembly supported the mandate for the Health Information Research Governance Committee (HIRGC) as the First Nations research ethics board to: oversee the Regional Health Survey and to review research proposals and to ensure First Nations' ownership and control of health research with First Nations.

In 2019, the Manitoba Chiefs-in-Assembly revised the mandate for HIRGC (SEPT-19.03) to being:

- The gatekeeper of First Nations data at a regional level;
- The advisory body to offer guidance to research carried out on a regional basis, including reviewing applications from First Nations or academic researchers or consultants.
- The body to ensure that respectful research for and by First Nations is carried out according to these principles: (a) Free Prior Informed consent on a collective and individual basis; (b) First Nations OCAP principles that First Nations have Ownership, Control, Access, and Possession of their own data and information; (c) First Nations ethical standards, whether Cree, Dakota, Dene, Anishininiwak (Oji-Cree) or Anishinaabe (Ojibway); and (d) Benefits to First Nations (governance, employment, etc.)

The primary responsibility of HIRGC voting members will be to review research applications from First Nations or academic researchers of health and wellbeing research projects with and about First Nations people in Manitoba. HIRGC members will use our four principles of respectful research to make decisions on reviewed research applications. HIRGC members will also have the opportunity to participate in First Nations research related professional development, the development of First Nations ethics toolkits and workshops, and other First Nations health and wellbeing related opportunities.

Open voting committee member positions:

- First Nations Tribal Council Health Director (North)
- First Nations Director in Health, Education, or Economic Development (North)
- First Nations Director in Health, Education, or Economic Development (North)
- First Nations Academic Advisor (South)
- First Nations Advisor in Environment or Socioeconomics (North)

Terms are 2-3 years and the committee meets 6 times a year via teleconference, virtual, and in person meetings to review applications. Honorariums for time are provided to committee members. If you have:

- **A background in health, First Nations culture, education, housing, economic development or business, environment;**
- **you wish to learn more about reviewing research proposed for all First Nations in MB;**
- **you wish to encouraging research led by First Nations, or in partnership with First Nations; and**
- **believe you are able to represent the best interests of Manitoba First Nations as a whole.**

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOU!**

**Applications are being accepted on an ongoing basis until positions are filled.**

For more information or to apply please contact **Tashina Monias or Taylor Wilson** via email at [hirgc@fnhssm.com](mailto:hirgc@fnhssm.com) or to FNHSSM at Unit 74 – 630 Kernaghan Avenue, Winnipeg, MB | R2C 5G1



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## APPLICATION FOR HIRGC VOTING MEMBER

**Contact info:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Nation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Check the one that applies to your current work and life experience:**

- First Nations Tribal Council Health Director (North)
- First Nations Director in Health, Education, or Economic Development (North)
- First Nations Director in Health, Education, or Economic Development (North)
- First Nations Academic Advisor (South)
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**Please address the following questions in your cover letter:**

1. What is your life and work experience that would assist you in reviewing and encouraging respectful research relationships with First Nations?
2. What does First Nations self-determination in research mean to you?
3. What are some reasons why you would like to join the HIRGC?

**Please provide three references please:**

1.

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Please attach your Resume/CV to the application.

**DEADLINE TO APPLY: ONGOING**

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