
**A Call for Nominations to the
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Between the dates of July 7th and August 8th, the National Research Centre for Truth and Reconciliation will be accepting nominations for the initial Governing Circle. This call for nominations is pursuant to the Administrative Agreement signed with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Constitution:

The National Research Centre will be guided by a Governing Circle.

The Governing Circle shall constitute and operate as the advisory committee for the Centre contemplated by the University's policy on *Research Centres, Institutes and Groups* (as amended from time to time).

The Governing Circle will be composed of seven members, each serving two year terms (capable of renewal), as follows:

- Two members being employees of or holding an academic appointment with the University;
- Two members representing Partners;
- Three members representing survivors or their families or ancestors, one each of First Nations, Inuit and Metis background;
- At all times, a majority of the seven members must identify as Aboriginal;

Members shall:

- Reflect a spirit of shared governance by the University, survivors and their families, and other Partners;
- Include a diverse set of cultures and languages; and
- Possess skills, experience and ability to help fulfill the Purposes and Objectives.

Powers and Duties:

The Governing Circle shall make decisions and provide advice to the University and the Partners on matters related to the Centre. In regard to the following topics, the University and the Partners shall show deference to the decisions and advice of the Governing Circle, as long as such advice is not inconsistent with applicable laws, the terms of the Trust Deed, the terms of this Agreement, and the University's policies:

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- Ceremonies and protocols relating to the Purposes, the Objectives, and the Settled Property;
 - Aboriginal concepts important to the Purposes and the Objectives;
 - Methods, sources and subject matters for expanding the Centre’s holdings and resources;
 - Communications strategies for the Centre, including a logo;
 - Establishment of committees, including a Survivors Circle;
 - Engagement with external experts and interested parties for the furtherance of the Purposes and Objectives, including inviting such individuals to provide advice to the Governing Circle or to participate in any of its meetings or committees;
 - Procedures and rules for Governing Circle meetings; and
 - Policies and input to guide the University in the exercise of its powers and discretions in relation to the Trust Deed, especially in relation to lending or disposing of any portion of the Settled Property, or the winding up of the trust.

The Governing Circle shall provide advice and guidance to the University and the Partners on other topics, including the following:

- Priorities for the Centre’s activities and spending;
- Identification and acceptance of new Partners, or removal of existing Partners, and identification of categories of Partners that would benefit the Centre;
- Policies for the exercise of such discretionary decisions as permitted by freedom of information, privacy and copyright law;
- The application of appropriate research ethics related to Aboriginal matters, including (where appropriate) reference to Aboriginal principles of Ownership, Control, Access and Possession (“OCAP”), Protocols for Native American Archive Materials, and the Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans, specifically the chapter on Research involving the First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples of Canada, or any similar or related protocols which have been or may in the future be developed;
- Exercise of discretion to waive fees under the Manitoba *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*;
- Raising funds to support the Centre to help achieve the Purposes and Objectives;
- Hiring and evaluation of Centre staff;
- Rules regarding the conduct or ethics of members of the Governing Circle and its committees; and
- Whether members of the Governing Circle or any of its committees should receive compensation in regard to their services to the Centre, or reimbursement for expenses incurred due to their participation in Governing Circle meetings.

Nominations

First Nations, Inuit and Metis organization, groups, communities and individuals may nominate individuals to the Governing Circle.

Only recognized Partner organizations may submit names for consideration for a Partner's seat on the Governing Circle.

Individuals nominated may be employees or elected officials either working for or designated by the nominating body. In the case of elected officials, the nominating entity should ensure the elected term of the nominee is sufficient to cover their role on the Governing Committee.

Nominators must confirm the individual nominated is willing and able to accept nomination to the Committee prior to submitting names to the Nominating Committee for review.

Individuals nominated for the Governing Circle may not sit on the Nominating Committee.

Each nomination must consist of:

- A bio of no more than 350 words
- The CV of the individual
- One or more letters of support

All effort should be made to nominate individuals whose present role or function will cover the costs associated with their participation in the Governing Circle.

First Nations, Inuit and Metis organization, groups, communities and individuals may nominate individuals whose present role or function does not enable them to cover the cost of participation in the Governing Circle.

Selection Process

Nominations will be reviewed by an initial nominating committee comprised of University, Partner, First Nations, Inuit, Metis, Community and Youth representatives.

This committee will have sole discretion to appoint the members of the initial Governing Circle. Decisions shall be made on a consensus basis.

Submission of Names

Please send nomination submissions no later than **August 8th 2014** to:

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All submissions will be treated with the utmost of confidence.