Congratulations on the successful completion of the Spring 2022 semester! I hope you’re all enjoying a well-deserved moment to stop, breathe, and regroup a bit before launching into your endeavors over the summer. The last eight months at NDSU have been exhilarating and I am grateful for getting to know so many of you and learning about the important research happening on campus.

Last week we hosted a delegation from Montana State University. Vice President of Research and Economic Development Jason Carter, Dean of Engineering Brett Gunnink, Associate Vice President of Research and Graduate School Dean Craig Ogilvie, and Dean of the College of Letters and Science Yves Idzerda came to Fargo to learn more about NDSU and our research operations. You’ll find more information about their visit in the story below.

While we had one full day to show them around NDSU, that short timeframe allowed us to feature a small number of the labs and areas where our faculty and staff work. One important result of the time our MSU friends spent in Fargo will be future research collaboration opportunities between our institutions and I know there are many more opportunities to share our research and creative activity stories.

With that in mind, I’d like to draw from the inspiration of this visit and foster additional collaboration here within NDSU – a proud R1 research institution. If you’re interested in collaborating or even just networking outside of your home unit, I invite you to host your own tour for your fellow NDSU colleagues and me. This will be a chance for you to share about what you’re doing in your spaces and for others to learn about your specific research. Most importantly, it will help me understand your work and set you up for future collaborations opportunities that I can bring to you. And as we continue to host VIPs on campus, we can make sure to share the wide breadth of work that’s going on at NDSU by amazing researchers at
every career stage!

To start this process, I invite you to complete a short questionnaire about your research space. You’ll have through June 6 to submit your information. Our goal for this pilot program will be to set up four lab visits during the summer.

Thank you for everything you do for NDSU, for your dedication to our students and to continuing our R1-level research excellence. I look forward to hearing from you.

Colleen

Colleen M. Fitzgerald, PH.D.
Vice President
Office of the Vice President for Research and Creative Activity

NDSU and Montana State University research leaders turn friendly bet into future research collaborations
It started with a friendly wager on a football game: Colleen Fitzgerald, vice president of research for NDSU and Jason Carter, vice president of research and economic development for Montana State laid a visit to their university’s respective research operations on the line with a bet at the January 2022 Football Championship Subdivision title game between the Bison and Bobcats.

Thanks to the Bison’s victory in Frisco, Fitzgerald and NDSU were hosts to a visit from Carter and a research delegation from MSU on May 16. The MSU group received a warm welcome from the NDSU Pep Band, led by Connor Challey, when they arrived at Hector International. From there, the group participated in a series of lab tours and meetings with a varied group of Bison faculty and researchers.

“Our goal was to connect the MSU group with people at every stage of their career, from assistant professors to university distinguished professors,” commented Fitzgerald. “This included a memorable performance at the opening reception by NDSU distinguished professor Tom Isern.”

Carter said, “Our trip to NDSU was fantastic. We met a lot of great faculty and administrators and I see lots of potential for growing research partnerships. Let’s remain competitive on the field but solve grand challenges together!”

Read More >>

NIH Issues Guidance related to new NIH Data Management and Sharing Policy (DMS Policy)

NIH recently released guidance and sample consent language for protecting the privacy and respecting the autonomy of participants when sharing data or biospecimens for future research. The [document](#) provides modifiable sample language that investigators and IRBs can use to clearly communicate potential risks and benefits associated with data / biospecimen storage and sharing for future research.

To contact the NDSU IRB Office, email [ndsu.irb@ndsu.edu](mailto:ndsu.irb@ndsu.edu).
New Novelution Sponsored Research Feature: Expenditure Charts

Expenditure Charts are now available in the Grants and Contracts Module of Novelution. Users are able to search all active NDSU grant and contract awards and view high level budget and expenditure data at the overall award level as well as sub-project level. Expenditure Charts are user friendly and are a great tool for faculty and staff to quickly see budget and spending levels on Grants and Contracts.

The Expenditure Charts page contains the following information:

- **Donut Charts**: displaying total direct and indirect costs budgeted as well as total actuals spent to date
- **Line Graphs**: displaying monthly expenditure totals along with an ideal spending line
- **Bar charts**: that allow users to view budgeted and actuals spent to date by high level budget categories (personnel, operating, equipment, waivers/scholarships/fellowships, F&A) as well as the ability to view budgeted and actual spent by sub-projects, including subawards

Expenditure Charts can be accessed by clicking on “search charts” from the drop down menu and then using filters on the search page to narrow results. Once you have filtered to narrow the results, select the blue chart icon on the far right of the Search Results display box. This feature is also accessible in all active award records listed in a user’s “search projects” list. When in a record, click on the “View Charts” icon in the upper right corner of the record to open the “search charts” page.

Additional guidance on using the Expenditure Charts can be found on the RCA Novelution webpage. Questions related to the Expenditure Charts can be directed to Amy Scott at (701) 231-8976 or send an email to ndsu.research@ndsu.edu.

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**Duo Authentication is No Longer Accessible in OFAC-Regulated Countries or Regions**
Beginning May 5, 2022, the University’s two-step verification tool, Duo, will begin blocking authentications from users whose IP address originates in a country or region subject to economic and trade sanctions enforced by the U.S. Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC).

NDSU employees and students attempting to authenticate to Duo-protected applications from OFAC-regulated countries or regions will be blocked from completing their login and will receive an error message.

This means that NDSU employees and students traveling to or based in these countries or regions will not be able to access or communicate via most University-provided technology resources.

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Confirm Eligibility Before Application

We are seeing an increasing number of awards that require 501(c)(3) status for eligibility. Unfortunately, NDSU does not meet this requirement and may not be able to receive the award. Here are some things to consider when applying for funding:

- NDSU is tax exempt and can receive donations under IRS code 170(c)(1)
- A 501(c)(3) is a private organization with tax exempt charitable status. As a state operated institution, we are not eligible for this designation.
- This requirement is often included in grant application guidelines and agreements for private foundations.
- The decision ultimately sits with the sponsor to determine if they are willing to accept our tax-exempt status. We have seen this exception made but we need to be transparent with the sponsor.
- Research Development can assist with questions during the application stage and SPA can assist with this during award review and negotiation.
Grant agreements are legally binding so we need to be sure all of these details are addressed early to prevent issues with payment and audits during the project. Help is always available by emailing ndsu.research@ndsu.edu.

May Issue: Research Development & Grant Writing News

The May issue of Research Development and Grant Writing News is now available to view. Use your NDSU login information to access this resource. Various topics are covered, including:

- USDA Strategic Plan Fiscal Years 2022-2026
- Planning and Describing your CAREER Education Component
- What Does A Successful ERC Proposal Look Like?
- DOE Funding Directions 2023

Revision of NSF Award Terms and Conditions

The entire suite of NSF Award Terms and Conditions have been revised to implement the requirements of the Build America, Buy America provisions of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (P.L. 117-58). The revised terms and conditions will apply to all new NSF awards and funding amendments to existing NSF awards made on or after May 13, 2022. All sets of award conditions are accompanied by a summary of changes made to that document.

If you have questions regarding NSF terms and conditions, reach out to ndsu.research@ndsu.edu.

Upcoming Events
- National Academies Webinar: Future of Work
  May 31, 2022 / [Learn more >>]
- NSF Virtual Grants Conference
  June 6-10, 2022 / [Learn more >>]
- REGISTRATION OPEN: AICoRN Summit & DaCCoTA Symposium
  August 4-5, 2022 / [Learn more >>]

**FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

- DoD: Extramural Biomedical Research and Development
- DOE: Agrivoltaic Research
- FFAR: Greener Cattle Initiative
- Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Program
- Health Resources and Services Administration: Forecasted Opportunities
- ND NASA EPSCoR: Research Seed Grants and Travel Funding
- NEA: Our Town – LIMITED
- NIH: Prevention for Mental Disorders in Mobile Populations
- NSF: Engineering of Biomedical Systems
- NSF: Environmental Engineering
- NSF: Science of Organizations
- USDA: Agricultural Genome to Phenome

**Upcoming Limited Submission Program Deadlines**

Limited submission grant programs are those that indicate a limit on the number of proposals that may be submitted by an institution for a particular deadline. A selection process becomes necessary if more applicants express interest in applying than NDSU is allowed to submit to the grant program. Email notifications of interest to ndsu.researchdev@ndsu.edu.
If you identify a limited submission opportunity that is not on the list below, please notify ndsu.researchdev@ndsudu.edu.

- **NIH: Director's Early Independence Award**  
  *Notification Deadline: 05/25/2022*
- **NEA: Our Town**  
  *Notification Deadline: 06/08/2022*
- **NIH: Bridges to the Baccalaureate**  
  *Notification Deadline: 06/15/2022*
- **NIH: Bridges to the Doctorate**  
  *Notification Deadline: 06/15/2022*

There are a number of limited submission grant programs with upcoming agency deadlines for which we did not receive any notifications of interest. A full list of those programs is available on the Limited Submissions page. For these programs, marked "First to Notify," approval to move forward with a full proposal submission to the funder will be given on a first come, first served basis. Email notifications of interest to ndsu.researchdev@ndsudu.edu.

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**Looking for more funding opportunities?**

RCA subscribes to SPIN by InfoEd Global, a database of more than 40,000 funding opportunities. Through this subscription, SPIN is free for current NDSU faculty, staff, and students.

For more information and to access this database, visit the SPIN page on the RCA website. If you have questions, please contact ndsu.researchdev@ndsudu.edu.

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**DoD: Extramural Biomedical Research and Development**

A primary emphasis of the United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) **Biomedical, Human Performance, and Canine Research Program** is to identify and develop techniques, knowledge products, and materiel (medical devices, drugs, and biologics) for
early intervention in life-threatening injuries, prolonged field care (PFC), human performance optimization, and canine medicine / performance. Special Operations Forces (SOF) medical personnel place a premium on medical equipment that is small, lightweight, ruggedized, modular, multi-use, and designed for operation in extreme environments. The equipment must be easy to use, require minimum maintenance, and have low power consumption. Drugs and biologics should not require refrigeration or other special handling. All materiel and related techniques must be simple and effective, and easily modified for commercialization. Research projects may apply existing scientific and technical knowledge for which concept and / or patient care efficacy have already been demonstrated to meet SOF requirements. The proposed research must be relevant to active duty Service members, Veterans, military beneficiaries, and / or the American public. Relevant research must be responsive to the health care needs of the Armed Forces, family members of the Armed Forces, the U.S. Veterans and civilian populations. Proposals / applications must address a relevant health problem responsive to one of the Research Areas of Interest (RAI) identified below:

1. Damage Control Resuscitation;
2. Prolonged Field Care;
3. Portable Lab Assays and Diagnostics;
4. Force Health Protection and Environmental Medicine;
5. Medical Simulation and Training Technologies;
6. Human Performance Optimization; and

This BAA is open through July 2023.

DOE: Foundational Agrivoltaic Research for Megawatt Scale (FARMS)

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) [DE-FOA-0002697] is being issued by the U.S. Department of Energy’s (DOE) Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) Solar Energy Technologies Office (SETO) to invest in innovative research and development (R&D) that accelerates the large-scale development and deployment of solar technology to support an equitable transition to a decarbonized electricity system by 2035 and decarbonized energy sector by 2050. By investing in research on the co-location of solar photovoltaics (PV) and agriculture (“agrivoltaics”), this FOA will advance the
decarbonization of the energy system while providing new economic opportunities to farmers, rural communities, and the solar industry.

Letter of Intent deadline: June 1, 2022

**FFAR: Greener Cattle Initiative**

Formed by the Foundation for Food & Agriculture Research (FFAR) and the Innovation Center for U.S. Dairy, the [Greener Cattle Initiative](#) serves as a vehicle for multiple stakeholders to share knowledge and accelerate the development of scalable and commercially-feasible technologies that reduce enteric methane emissions and enable the production of sustainable beef and dairy.

This initial request for proposals seeks preliminary research that can serve as the basis for future breakthroughs and scalable solutions. The Greener Cattle Initiative welcomes research that mitigates enteric methane emissions in one or more of the following areas: nutrition and management strategies; genetic approaches and phenotyping strategies; rumen microbiome research; or sensing and data technology.

Projects should have the potential to transform the field of enteric methane research and agricultural sustainability. Additionally, research must be commercially viable, economically feasible and socially responsible without negatively impacting animal health and welfare, productivity, product quality and consumer and environmental safety.

Letter of Intent Deadline: June 22, 2022

**Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad (FRA) Program**

The [Fulbright-Hays FRA Program](#) provides fellowships through institutions of higher education (IHEs) to faculty members who propose to conduct research abroad in modern foreign languages and area studies to improve their skill in languages and their knowledge of the culture of the people of these countries. To be eligible for the FRA, applicants must meet the absolute priority - a research project that focuses on one or more of the following geographic areas: Africa, East Asia, Southeast Asia and the Pacific Islands, South
Asia, the Near East, Central and Eastern Europe and Eurasia, and the Western Hemisphere (excluding the United States and its territories).

Funds support travel expenses to and from the residence of the fellow and the country or countries of research, a maintenance stipend for the fellow related to their academic year salary, and an allowance for research-related expenses overseas such as books and photocopying, tuition, affiliation fees, local travel, and other incidental expenses.

*Deadline: July 13, 2022*

**HRSA: Forecasted Opportunities**

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) has released a number of forecasted opportunities. HRSA programs are typically limited submission programs, so if you are planning a proposal for any of these forecasted programs, notify ndsu.researchdev@ndsu.edu.

Forecasted opportunities include:

- [Advancing Maternal and Child Health Equity through Policy](#)
  *Estimated Post Date: September 2022*
- [Child and Adolescent Health Promotion Services](#)
  *Estimated Post Date: September 2022*
- [Children’s Safety Network](#)
  *Estimated Post Date: October 2022*
- [Pediatric Mental Health Care Access](#)
  *Estimated Post Date: October 2022*
- [Family Engagement and Leadership in Systems of Care](#)
  *Estimated Post Date: October 2022*
- [Maternal and Child Health Secondary Data Analysis Research](#)
  *Estimated Post Date: November 2022*
- [Maternal and Child Health Field-Initiated Research](#)
  *Estimated Post Date: November 2022*
- [Life Course Interventions Research Network](#)
  *Estimated Post Date: January 2023*
Comprehensive Systems Improvement for Adolescent and Young Adult Health
Estimated Post Date: January 2023

For a full list of HRSA opportunities, visit https://www.grants.gov/search-grants.html?agencyCode=HHS-HRSA.

ND NASA EPSCoR: Research Seed Grant Funding and Travel Grant Funding

North Dakota NASA EPSCoR (Established Program to Simulate Competitive Research) is soliciting research proposals from faculty at affiliate institutions for Research Seed Grant funding and Travel Grant Funding. Funding must contribute to the completion of NASA relevant research designed to promote and expand particular NASA research sub disciplines in North Dakota.

Seed research proposals are due at noon on July 13, 2022.

The full RFP, online submission form, and budget sheet can be found in the: http://blogs.und.edu/jdosas/2022/05/nd-nasa-epscor-research-and-travel-rfp-summer-2022/.

NEA: Our Town – Limited Submission Program

Limited submission grant programs are those that indicate a limit on the number of proposals that may be submitted by an institution for a particular deadline. A selection process becomes necessary if more applicants express interest in applying than NDSU is allowed to submit to the grant program.

NEA Our Town: Notify RCA by June 8, 2022, if you are interested in submitting to this program.

Our Town is the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) creative placemaking
grants program. Through project-based funding, the program supports activities that integrate arts, culture, and design into local efforts that strengthen communities. Our Town projects advance local economic, physical, or social outcomes in communities, ultimately laying the groundwork for systems change and centering equity. These projects require a partnership between a nonprofit organization and a local government entity, with one of the partners being a cultural organization. Grants range from $25,000 to $150,000, with a minimum cost share / match equal to the grant amount.

LIMITED SUBMISSION: An organization may submit two applications as a lead applicant to Our Town. There is no limit to the number of applications on which an organization can serve as partner.

NIH: Expanding Prevention Strategies for Mental Disorders in Mobile Populations in Humanitarian Crises (R34 Clinical Trial Optional)

Human mobility is broadly defined as human movement, as individuals or groups, including both long-term migration and/or short-term travel. Mobile populations include people who are on the move due to livelihood needs, displacement, household fluidity, rural to urban migrations, and involuntary mobility such as trafficking for sexual exploitation or forced labor. The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) is issuing this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) [RFA-MH-22-180] and seeks to fund research focused on understanding the role human mobility has on mental health outcomes and developing and testing culturally appropriate preventive interventions for mental disorders that may develop during all phases of migration. This FOA seeks to develop assessment tools, preventive interventions, and implementation approaches to improve mental health outcomes in mobile populations. Applications of interest include those that refine and test scalable and sustainable approaches for intervention use during humanitarian crises. Per UNICEF a humanitarian crisis is defined as "any circumstance where humanitarian needs are sufficiently large and complex to require significant external assistance and resources, and where a multi-sectoral response is needed, with the engagement of a wide range of international humanitarian actors (IASC)." NIMH
encourages research that addresses the mental health care needs of mobile children, adolescents, youth, women, people with serious mental illness, sexual and gender minorities, people with disabilities, older adults, and separated families.

**Deadline: October 25, 2022**

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**NSF: Engineering of Biomedical Systems**

The Engineering of Biomedical Systems program [PD 20-5345](#) is part of the Engineering Biology and Health cluster, which also includes: 1) the Biophotonics program; 2) the Biosensing program; 3) the Cellular and Biochemical Engineering program; and 4) the Disability and Rehabilitation Engineering program.

The goal of the Engineering of Biomedical Systems (EBMS) program is to provide opportunities for creating fundamental and transformative research projects that integrate engineering and life sciences to solve biomedical problems and serve humanity in the long term. Projects are expected to use an engineering framework (for example, design or modeling) that supports increased understanding of physiological or pathophysiological processes. Projects must include objectives that advance both engineering and biomedical sciences.

Projects may include: methods, models, and enabling tools applied to understand or control living systems; fundamental improvements in deriving information from cells, tissues, organs, and organ systems; or new approaches to the design of systems that include both living and non-living components for eventual medical use in the long term.

*Proposals accepted anytime.*

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**NSF: Environmental Engineering**

The goal of the Environmental Engineering program [PD 20-1440](#) is to support potentially transformative fundamental research that applies scientific and engineering principles to 1) prevent, minimize, or re-use solid, liquid, and gaseous discharges of pollution to soil, water, and air by closing resource loops or through other measures; 2) mitigate the
ecological and human-health impacts of such releases by smart / adaptive / reactive amendments or manipulation of the environment, and 3) remediate polluted environments through engineered chemical, biological, and / or geo-physical processes.

Integral to achieving these goals is a fundamental understanding of the transport and biogeochemical reactivity of pollutants in the environment. Therefore, research on environmental micro / biology, environmental chemistry, and environmental geophysics may be relevant providing the research has a clear objective of protecting human and ecological health.

Major areas of interest include (but are not limited to):

- building a future without pollution or waste;
- sustainable supply and protection of water;
- environmental chemistry, fate, and transport of nutrients and contaminants of emerging concern in air, water, soils, and sediments; and
- environmental engineering of the built environment.

Full proposals accepted anytime.

**NSF: Science of Organizations**

Organizations -- private and public, established and entrepreneurial, designed and emergent, formal and informal, profit and nonprofit -- are critical to the well-being of nations and their citizens. They are of crucial importance for producing goods and services, creating value, providing jobs, and achieving social goals. The Science of Organizations (SoO) program [PD 11-8031](#) funds basic research that yields a scientific evidence base for improving the design and emergence, development and deployment, and management and ultimate effectiveness of organizations of all kinds.

SoO funds research that advances the fundamental understanding of how organizations develop, form and operate. Successful SoO research proposals use scientific methods to develop and refine theories, to empirically test theories and frameworks, and to develop new measures and methods. Funded research is aimed at yielding generalizable insights that are of value to the business practitioner, policy-maker and research communities.
USDA: Agricultural Genome to Phenome

The National Institute of Food and Agriculture’s Agricultural Genome to Phenome Initiative (AG2PI) focuses on collaborative science engagement that intends to develop a community of researchers across both crops and animals that will lay the foundation for expanding knowledge concerning genomes and phenomes of importance to the agriculture sector of the United States. AG2PI supports multiple goals within the USDA Science Blueprint, USDA Innovation Agenda, the Genome to Phenome: USDA Blueprint for Animal Genomics Research, and relevant publicly initiated and led crop research initiatives to catalyze and coordinate research linking genomics and predictive phenomics to achieve advances that generate societal and environmental benefits.

Deadline: July 21, 2022

National Academies Webinar: Future of Work

May 31, 2022 | 12:30-2:15pm

This seminar will focus on human-systems integration considerations related to the future of work, including issues such as resilient human-technology systems in response to future workforce threats; how human behaviors, decisions, and data influence algorithmic bias in human resource decisions, and how to best ensure diversity, equity, and inclusion in the workforce of the future.

Speakers include:

- **Diana Burley**, NAS Board on Human-Systems Integration Member and Vice Provost of Research, American University (moderator)
- **Dennis Stolle**, Senior Director of Applied Psychology, American Psychological Association
- **Mark Smith**, Director, HR Thought Leadership Research, Society for Human Resource Management
Join the National Science Foundation for the Spring 2022 NSF Virtual Grants Conference, to be held during the week of June 6-10, 2022.

The conference is designed to give new faculty, researchers, and administrators key insights into a wide range of current issues at NSF. NSF program officers will provide up-to-date information about specific funding opportunities and answer attendee questions.

Highlights include:
- new programs and initiatives;
- NSF Directorate sessions;
- future directions and strategies for national science policy;
- proposal preparation and the merit review process; and
- award management topics.

Registration is open and free of charge. Register here >>

For those who cannot attend the live conference, all conference sessions will be available on-demand shortly after the event.
The American Indian Collaborative Research Network (AICoRN) Summit & Dakota Community Collaborative on Translational Activity (DaCCoTA) Symposium will be held at the Sanford Center in Sioux Falls, SD, August 4-5, 2022.

**AICoRN (American Indian Collaborative Research Network) Summit Events**
- Keynote Speakers
  - Dr. Donald Warne, Dr. Jeff Hostetter, Dr. Dan Petereit and others
- Educational Opportunities
- Research Priorities with Community Engagement
  - Join the afternoon participatory event facilitated by CHAD
  - Inviting Tribal and other rural and underserved stakeholders

**DaCCoTA Symposium Events**
- Educational Opportunities
  - Introduction to Clinical-Translational Research - 2 Part Series
  - An Awardee’s Account of the DaCCoTA
  - Implementation & Delivery of Research Care
  - Industrial Navigation
  - Engaging American Indian Communities
- Poster Sessions
  - Open to graduate students, postdocs, and faculty
  - Preference will be given to posters that address clinical and translational research of all specialties
- DaCCoTA Awardee Presentations

For additional information about the symposium and to register, please visit: med.UND.edu/daccota/symposium.html.

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Have questions, ideas, or suggestions for the RCA Update?
The Office of Research and Creative Activity (RCA) sends weekly emails to NDSU faculty and staff to provide current information on various topics including funding opportunities, grant program changes, research resources, deadlines, notices, and training. You are receiving this notification through the NDSU official employee listserv or sub-list. The official listserv refreshes after each pay period.

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We collectively acknowledge that we gather at NDSU, a land grant institution, on the traditional lands of the Oceti Sakowin (Dakota, Lakota, Nakoda) and Anishinaabe Peoples in addition to many diverse Indigenous Peoples still connected to these lands. We honor with gratitude Mother Earth and the Indigenous Peoples who have walked with her throughout generations. We will continue to learn how to live in unity with Mother Earth and build strong, mutually beneficial, trusting relationships with Indigenous Peoples of our region.