



## Nunatsiavut Government Interim Research Process

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The Nunatsiavut Government (NG) receives numerous requests each year from universities, and other researchers to conduct research in Nunatsiavut. Any research conducted in Nunatsiavut should happen only with the full knowledge and participation of the NG, and first and foremost, the Labrador Inuit community.

In order to ensure that any research conducted involves working together to answer research questions of mutual interest for the benefit of Nunatsiavut, a standard set of Nunatsiavut Research Guidelines is being developed.

Until the guidelines are completed, **we ask any researcher who has a request to conduct research in Nunatsiavut to contact the Inuit Research Advisor (IRA)**. A review process specific to each case will be initiated, involving appropriate staff.. A reply will be sent to the researcher with next steps as soon as possible. This will help ensure the review process is as thorough and fair as possible in the absence of finalized guidelines.

The Nunatsiavut Interim Research Committee will be meeting once a month. There will not be any Nunatsiavut Interim Research Committee meetings in August.

Our review of the proposed research will be more comprehensive and timely if we have some general information on the research for reference. We ask that you provide us with a **short non-technical proposal** that outlines:

- 1) Research project title
- 2) Applicant(s) name and contact information (address, phone, fax, email)
  - Name of the Project Leader and/or name of the contact person. There should be only one contact person.
  - The IRA is the contact person at NG's research office.
- 3) Purpose of the research (research question or hypothesis)
- 4) Activities/methodology
  - Also where it is appropriate include maps of areas where the research will be conducted in Nunatsiavut.
- 5) Who/what will be the participants/subjects of the research. Include number of participants/samples, and the communities to be included (Not the Names of the Researchers)
  - i.e. Youth, Adults, Elders, Fish, Birds, Char, etc.
- 6) Anticipated research start and end dates
- 7) The benefit of the project to Nunatsiavut, and/or specific communities within Nunatsiavut
  - i.e. opportunities to train, educate and employ beneficiaries in the field of Science

- 8) Any community representatives you have already contacted regarding this research (name, community, when)
- 9) How the community or NG will be involved in the planning/conduct of the research
- 10) How the results will be shared with the individual participants, community, and NG
- All reports should be shared with the NG.
  - Researchers should consider presenting the Results of the research in the Community or the nearest Community to where they conducted the research in Nunatsiavut.
  - A plain language summary detailing the work conducted should be provided to the Nunatsiavut Government once the field season is completed and translated into Nunatsiavut Inuktitut dialect (roman orthography). A list of translators from Nunatsiavut can be obtained from the IRA.
  - We suggest that you consider interviews on the regional radio and TV station (OKalaKatiget Society, Tel: (709) 922-2955).
- 11) The ownership, access to, and other potential uses of the data
- 12) The consent process (Licenses, Permits, etc.)
- Participant (Adult and Youth) Consent. Any Youth under the age of 18 has to have their parents/guardians signed Consent or they can not participate.
  - Attached copies of any Licenses, Permits, etc. that are required to conduct your research in Nunatsiavut.
  - Here are **some** examples:
    - a) Firearms FAC and transportation permit and bear protection permit;
    - b) Federal permits for research on birds. A scientific permit is required for collections birds, birds tissues (e.g. feathers, blood, etc.), attachment of ancillary markers (e.g. nasal tags, radio transmitters, etc.);
    - c) Federal permits for banding to mark birds with bands. The banding permit requires special amendments if auxiliary markers are being used;
    - d) Canadian Wildlife Service Scientific Permit;
    - e) Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada Permits;
    - f) Consent from your University Ethics Committee/Board;
    - g) Archaeology Permit for research in Nunatsiavut
  - We ask that you please complete the following:
    - I. Provide us with a **short non-technical proposal** that outlines the 15 items listed here and submit it to the Nunatsiavut IRA; and
    - II. Archaeological investigation permit for research in Labrador Inuit Lands (LIL) can be found at the following website <http://www.nunatsiavut.com/en/landsandnaturalresources.php> ;
    - III. Archaeological research in the Labrador Inuit Settlement Area (LISA) requires a permit from the Provincial Government; and
    - IV. Archaeological research inside the Torngat Mountains National Park requires a permit from Parks Canada.
- 13) Permit to Access Labrador Inuit Lands (LIL)
- Any research activity conducted on Labrador Inuit Lands (LIL) by someone other than a beneficiary of the Nunatsiavut Government will require a Permit to Access Labrador Inuit Lands. A contact person will be provided to you once your proposal has support from the NG.

14) Research Funding

- Where have you applied for funding to conduct this research?
- Is it approved or pending?

15) How Labrador Inuit traditional knowledge will be considered and/or incorporated into the research

The Research Proposal is to be submitted in English in Microsoft Word format.

The Inuit Research Advisor will contact you to confirm that your proposal was received and will provide you with the date of the next Research Committee meeting. You will receive a reply on your proposal soon after that meeting. During this interim research process, this will be determined on a case-by-case basis. NG requires the time to give the research the consideration it deserves.

**Therefore NG recommends that you submit your research proposal at least three (3) months before the start date of your project.**

The NG is very interested in being part of research that involves working together for the benefit of the people of Nunatsiavut. We look forward to receiving research requests that meet this principal requirement.

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