



NATOSAPI RESEARCH DEPARTMENT | FACILITATING RESEARCH ON BEHALF OF SIKSIKA NATION

SIKSIKA NATION (MEMBER) RESEARCH AGREEMENT AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

This form is part of the Natosapi (Old Sun) Community College research approval process and must be completed and signed before the researcher commences applicable research activities.

Researcher Information

Researcher Name: _____

Student ID #: _____

University/Institution: _____

Program/Degree: _____

Research Supervisor: _____

Research Title: _____

Date of Agreement: _____

Purpose of this Agreement

This Agreement establishes the expectations and responsibilities of the researcher when conducting research involving the Siksika Nation, Siksika community members, Siksika Nation programs or services, Siksika sacred knowledge, cultural knowledge, traditional knowledge, community information, or research data.

The researcher agrees to conduct the research in an ethical, respectful, culturally appropriate, and community-directed manner and to comply with the requirements of Old Sun (Natosapi) Community College, the Siksika Nation, the researcher's university or institution, applicable research ethics requirements, and any other applicable authorities. This Agreement forms part of the researcher's Old Sun (Natosapi) Community College research approval.

Research Approval and Ethics

The researcher acknowledges that Old Sun (Natosapi) Community College approval is required before beginning applicable research activities.

Where research involves a Siksika Nation department, program, service, organization, records, staff, clients, or operations, the researcher understands that additional departmental, organizational, or community approval may be required.

The researcher agrees to provide Old Sun (Natosapi) Community College with a copy of their Behavioural Research Ethics Board (BREB) or Research Ethics Board (REB) approval or certification once available and to conduct the research in accordance with the approved ethics protocol.

Any significant changes to the approved research purpose, methodology, participants, data collection, use of data, or publication and sharing plans must be communicated to Old Sun (Natosapi) Community College and any other applicable authority before proceeding.

BREB/REB Approval Number (if available): _____

BREB/REB Approval Date: _____

Participant Consent

The researcher agrees to obtain informed consent from all research participants in accordance with the approved ethics protocol.

The researcher agrees to clearly explain to participants:

- ☐ The purpose of the research.
- ☐ How their information will be collected, used, and stored.
- ☐ Who will have access to their information.
- ☐ How confidentiality and privacy will be maintained.
- ☐ How findings may be reported, published, or shared.
- ☐ Their right to ask questions and withdraw, where applicable.

Siksika Knowledge, Culture, and Community Information

The researcher acknowledges that Siksika sacred knowledge, Blackfoot knowledge systems, language, culture, teachings, practices, stories, ceremonies, traditional knowledge, and community knowledge may be collectively held and protected by the Siksika Nation and/or individual knowledge holders.

The researcher understands that participation in research does not transfer ownership of Siksika sacred knowledge, cultural knowledge, traditional knowledge, community information, or research data to the researcher, university, institution, funding organization, or any third party.

The researcher agrees to seek appropriate permission before recording, reproducing, publishing, interpreting, sharing, or otherwise using protected Siksika knowledge or cultural information.

Ownership, Control, and OCAP

The researcher acknowledges that Siksika Nation community data, information, sacred cultural knowledge, sacred traditional knowledge, and other community-held information may be subject to Siksika Nation ownership, control, requirements, and agreements, as applicable.

The researcher agrees that such information will not be treated as the personal property or intellectual property of the researcher or the researcher's university or institution.

The researcher agrees to follow the OCAP (Ownership, Control, Access, and Possession) principles, where applicable.

The researcher will not sell, license, commercially exploit, transfer, or provide Siksika Nation data or community information to another individual, institution, organization, company, or government agency without appropriate authorization.

OCAP Training Status:

- ☐ Completed
- ☐ In Progress
- ☐ Not Completed
- ☐ Not Applicable

Date Completed (if applicable): _____

Data Storage and Security

The researcher agrees to securely collect, store, access, protect, and dispose of research data in accordance with the approved research protocol, participant consent, applicable Siksika Nation requirements, and this Agreement.

Location of Data Storage: _____

Who will have access: _____

Length of Retention: _____

Method of Destruction or Return: _____

Publication, Sharing, and Secondary Use

The researcher is encouraged to publish, present, or share research findings in accordance with the approved research purpose, participant consent, applicable research ethics requirements, and this Agreement.

In doing so, the researcher agrees to respect and protect Siksika sacred knowledge, including ceremonial, traditional, confidential, or otherwise restricted knowledge and information that is identified as requiring protection by the Siksika Nation or relevant knowledge holders.

General information, publicly available information, and knowledge that is not identified as sacred, confidential, restricted, or otherwise protected may be used and shared in accordance with the approved research purpose, participant consent, and applicable research ethics requirements.

Research data collected for this project will be used for the approved research purpose. Any proposed use of sacred, confidential, restricted, or community-controlled information for a different purpose will require appropriate permission and approvals.

Where the research involves Siksika sacred, ceremonial, traditional, or community-held knowledge, the researcher will consult with the appropriate Siksika Nation authority and/or relevant knowledge holders regarding its respectful use,

interpretation, and sharing.

Nothing in this Agreement is intended to prevent the researcher from completing, submitting, publishing, or otherwise disseminating their academic work in accordance with their university or institution's requirements, research ethics approval, participant consent, and applicable Siksika Nation requirements.

Researcher Acknowledgement and Responsibilities

By signing this Agreement, I acknowledge that I am responsible for:

- ☐ Following all approved research ethics requirements.
- ☐ Following Natosapi (Old Sun) Community College research requirements and protocols.
- ☐ Following applicable Siksika Nation laws, policies, research requirements, and community protocols.
- ☐ Obtaining all required departmental, community, organizational, and other approvals.
- ☐ Obtaining informed consent from research participants.
- ☐ Protecting participant confidentiality and privacy.
- ☐ Respecting Siksika sacred cultural, traditional, and community knowledge.
- ☐ Protecting Siksika Nation community data and information.
- ☐ Following applicable OCAP principles.
- ☐ Completing OCAP training if identified as a requirement for the approved research.
- ☐ Securely storing and protecting research data.
- ☐ Obtaining appropriate authorization before sharing protected information.
- ☐ Not using sacred, confidential, restricted, or community-controlled information outside the approved research purpose without appropriate permission and approvals.
- ☐ Providing required research reports or findings to Natosapi (Old Sun) Community College and/or the Siksika Nation.

Acknowledgement and Agreement

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the Natosapi (Old Sun) Community College research approval letter and this Research Agreement and Acknowledgement Form.

I understand that my research approval is subject to the requirements and conditions outlined in the approval letter and this Agreement.

I understand that Natosapi (Old Sun) Community College research approval does not provide me, my university or institution, research supervisor, funding organization, or any third party with ownership of Siksika Nation sacred collective knowledge, cultural knowledge, community information, or community data.

I agree to conduct my research respectfully and in accordance with applicable Siksika Nation requirements, Natosapi (Old Sun) Community College research protocols, participant consent requirements, university or institutional ethics requirements, applicable OCAP principles, and this Agreement.

I understand that Old Sun (Natosapi) Community College approval does not replace any additional approval required from the Siksika Nation, a Siksika Nation department, program, service, organization, community authority, my university or institution, or another applicable authority.

I understand that failure to comply with these requirements may result in the withdrawal or suspension of Old Sun (Natosapi) Community College research approval and/or other appropriate action.

Signatures

Researcher

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Research Supervisor

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Natosapi (Old Sun) Community College Research Representative

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Other Siksika Nation Department, Program, or Community Authority

If applicable, please identify any Siksika Nation department, program, service, organization, or community authority with which you will be conducting research.

Department/Program/Authority: _____

Representative Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Approval Required: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Pending

Research Documents Checklist

Please attach the following, where applicable:

- ☐ Research proposal
- ☐ BREB/REB approval or certification

TCPs: CORE-2022 (Course on Research Ethics): <https://tcps2core.ca/welcome>

- ☐ Participant consent form
- ☐ Interview/focus group questions
- ☐ Data collection tools
- ☐ OCAP training certificate

First Nations Principles of OCAP® (FNIGC training): <https://fnigc.ca/ocap-training/>

- ☐ Applicable Siksika Nation departmental, program, service, organizational, or community approval (letter or confirmation)
- ☐ Data management plan
- ☐ Publication and sharing plan
- ☐ Other: _____

Natosapi (Old Sun) Community College Research Administration

Researcher: _____

Research student I.D. #: _____

Date Approved: _____

Approval Expiry/Review Date: _____

Additional Conditions or Comments: _____

Natosapi (Old Sun) Community College Research Representative: _____

Signature: _____