



Know your research

(you can't start ethics applications without knowing what you want to do)

Before you can commence your ethics application you will need to have thought through all the details in your research project, from the way you are going to collect data, and how you will analyse it and disseminate it.

When you begin your ethics application you will need to know whether your research is going to be high risk or low risk as this will determine how you should submit your application. Seek out information from your institution to help you make that decision and find the appropriate application kit.

Consider important Indigenous requirements :

1 Fairness and voice.

2 Self-reflexivity and standpoint judgements.

- > Who are you in the context?
- > What is your standpoint?
- > How will the research impact on you?
- > What is your position as the researcher in the community?
- > How can you adhere to the cultural etiquette of the community you are working with?

3 Community and participants as co-designers and co-producers of knowledge

- > Have you received a statement of support from the community?
- > Have you asked the community for input in your research design?
- > Is there reciprocity in your research?

Tips

- > Discuss your ideas with other Indigenous researchers and your supervisory team.
- > Connect with the community you want to work with.
- > How does your research impact the community?
- > Do you understand the etiquette of the community you will be working with?
- > Make sure you understand every step of your research before you get started on the forms.
- > Make sure you understand your position in this research.