

CALL FOR STORIES & KNOWLEDGE



2025

Our Data, Our Truths, Our Voice

January 21 - 23, RBC Convention Centre

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

Treaty 1 Territory

Hosted by:



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Boozhoo! Tansi! Aaniin! Wotziye! Ho/han! Hello!

CONFERENCE GOAL:

This conference aims to create a space for First Nations communities, researchers, policymakers, and non-First Nations allies to discuss First Nations data sovereignty and First Nations research.

WE WILL EXPLORE:

- Interconnectedness,
- Cultural protocols,
- Collaborating,
- Accountability, and
- Self-determination and governance.

We seek to help First Nations communities to reclaim control over their data and knowledge.

TARGET AUDIENCE:

- **First Nations community members:** Including Elders, Knowledge Keepers, band council members, health directors, and community leaders.
- **First Nations researchers:** Academics, graduate students, and research professionals.
- **Policymakers and government officials:** Those involved in First Nations data management, research, and policy development.
- **Non-Indigenous researchers and academics:** Interested in learning about First Nations research methodologies and data sovereignty.
- **Data management professionals:** Working in First Nations communities or organizations
- **Representatives from Indigenous organizations and networks.**



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CONFERENCE STREAMS:

STREAM 1: Telling Our Own Stories

- **Focus:** Centering First Nations voices and narratives in research and data collection.
- **Potential Topics:**
 - First Nations data sovereignty in the context of public health emergencies
 - Community-based research and knowledge mobilization
 - Language revitalization and documentation through data
 - Addressing historical inaccuracies and misrepresentations in data

STREAM 2: Relationship and Connections

- **Focus:** Exploring the interconnectedness between First Nations peoples, land, and communities.
- **Potential Topics:**
 - Community-led archival projects and data sovereignty
 - Collaborative research with First Nations communities
 - Building meaningful relationships between First Nations and non-First Nations researchers

STREAM 3: Respect

- **Focus:** Honoring First Nations knowledge systems and cultural protocols.
- **Potential Topics:**
 - Ethical considerations in First Nations data research
 - Wise practices on community engagement in data collection
 - Protecting First Nations intellectual property
 - Data sovereignty and cultural safety
 - Decolonizing research practices

STREAM 4: Reciprocity

- **Focus:** Building equitable partnerships and sharing benefits.
- **Potential Topics:**
 - Data sharing and access protocols
 - Benefit-sharing agreements
 - Creating training and education opportunities and knowledge transfer
 - Research ethics and First Nations governance
 - Supporting First Nations data infrastructure



STREAM 5: Responsibility

- **Focus:** Upholding accountability and stewardship of data.
- **Potential Topics:**
 - Data governance and stewardship
 - Data security and privacy
 - Long-term data management and preservation
 - First Nations archives and data repositories
 - Emerging technologies for data sovereignty



TYPES OF SESSIONS:

The proposed lead presenter must be a First Nations person.

The types of sessions for the Call for Stories & Knowledge are:

Oral Presentation	20 minutes and 10 mins for questions.
Panel Discussion	45 mins + 15 min questions. Bring together panelists. Celebrate the champions in your community/region.
Workshops	Max 90 min interactive workshops that participants will learn skills that can be used within their communities or on their own journey

- Sessions should be action-oriented, strength-based and solution-focused. All workshops, oral presentations, panel discussions must have a First Nations co-presenter to be considered. First Nations-led sessions will be given priority. Workshops sessions will be prioritized.
- Abstracts must be connected to the theme of Our Data, Our Truths, Our Voice and linked to one of the streams noted above.
- Abstracts will be published exactly as submitted. No copyediting will be provided. Submitters are responsible for thoroughly reviewing their submission and ensuring accuracy before submission (no edits/updates).

The final date for submission is November 15, 2024 11:59 CDT. Late submissions will not be accepted

PROCESS:

- Abstracts will be reviewed by an internal review committee.
- Speakers will be notified if session is accepted by November 22, 2024.
- Written acceptances will be provided through email and speakers will need to confirm receipt.
- Accepted sessions will be published in the conference program, the conference website and other mediums.
- Presenters are responsible for their own travel to and from the conference.

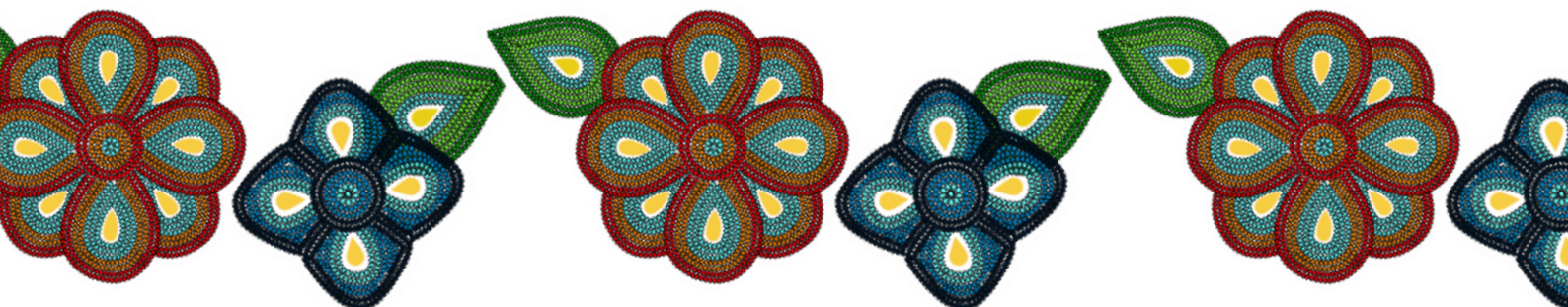
EVALUATION CRITERIA:

All abstracts will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Potential to stimulate discussion and learning
- Clarity and impact of the project
- Potential for the idea/innovation to be sustained and spread
- Alignment with Conference Streams and sub-themes
- Consideration of sex, gender, and diversity as part of the work
- Overall quality and clarity of the abstract

ENQUIRIES: Ourdata2025@fnhssm.com

Thank you for your interest in the FNHSSM Research and Data
Sovereignty Conference: Our Data, Our Truths, Our Voice.





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PRESENTER INFORMATION: *(main contact)*

Name (First & Last) :

Organization (if applicable) :

Address :

Country : Phone :

First Nation Affiliation : Email :
(one person must be First Nations)

CO-PRESENTER INFORMATION: *(if applicable)*

Name (First & Last) :

Organization (if applicable) :

Address :

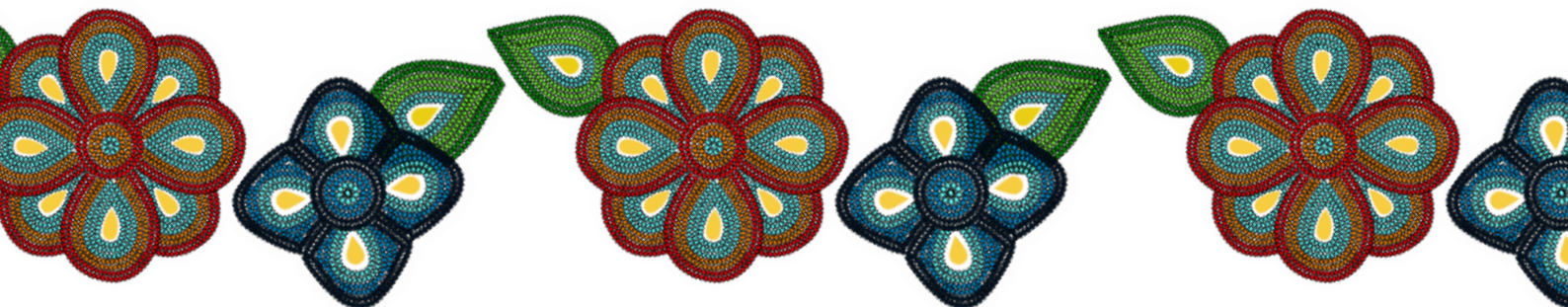
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STREAMS:

Indicate which streams your story or knowledge coincides with best:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Telling Our Own Stories | <input type="checkbox"/> Reciprocity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Relationships and Connections | <input type="checkbox"/> Responsibility |
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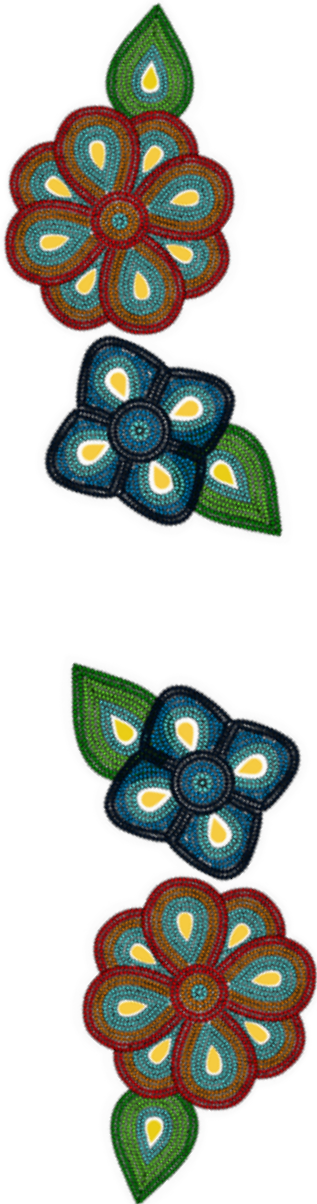
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SESSION INFORMATION

Session Title :

Type of Session : Workshop Oral Presentation Panel Discussion

Session Description (max 2500 characters) :





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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Biography
(Max 1500 characters)

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Co-Presenter Biography
(if applicable. Max 1500 characters)

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Thank your for your interest!

Your submissions will be reviewed by the conference planning committee. Successful stories and knowledge will be notified on November 22, 2024 via email provided.

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