Guiding Principles for Decolonizing and Indigenizing Research

1. Reflection
True partnerships begin with reflection upon the privileged statuses from which most partners operate and the emotionally difficult task of acknowledging the pain of Native communities and developing empathy.

2. Respect
Research partners must value and prioritize indigenous epistemologies, knowledge, cultural protocols, and healing practices.

3. Relevance
The community should contribute to defining research problems and strategies, which should respond to their own self-identified needs and concerns.

4. Resilience
All aspects of the research must acknowledge the community's strengths and resilience.

5. Reciprocity
The partnership should be collaborative and mutually respectful with knowledge exchanged in both directions.

6. Responsibility
Research partners are obliged to enhance community capacity to conduct Indigenous and Western research, disseminate research findings in culturally meaningful ways, and anticipate the implications.

7. Retraditionalization
Traditional knowledge and methods must be actively integrated into the formulation of the research questions and the process of scientific inquiry.

8. Revolution
Research partners and community members must actively seek to decolonize and indigenize the research process to transform science as well as themselves, their communities, and the larger society for the betterment of all.