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Utilizing Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami National Inuit Strategy on Research for research conducted in Inuit Nunangat, ArcticNet aims to fund a balanced research portfolio that spans disciplines, geographies, and levels of impact from communities to the global context.



## ArcticNet Pillars

Applicants must outline how their work is linked to ArcticNet pillars and objectives.

### Pillar 1. Leveraging discovery and diversity

**Objective 1: Deliver world-class science addressing national and Indigenous priorities.** A pivotal objective of ArcticNet is to produce world-class science using proven approaches to research generation that includes leveraging knowledge assets from western science and Indigenous knowledge, and through a commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion in science.

**Objective 2: Advance Indigenous-led research in the North, for the North, and by the North.** ArcticNet is guided by the fundamental understanding that Indigenous Peoples are experts

















## Evaluation Criteria and Scoring

All eligible applications will be reviewed by ArcticNet's Research Management Committee (RMC) and external reviewers (where applicable). The RMC will review applications based on the following criteria (100 points total):

### **Mandatory**

#### ***Project Excellence (35 points)***

- The proposal will bring significant value to ArcticNet and the proposed research outcomes will strengthen and advance the overall objectives of ArcticNet.
- The proposal responds to research gaps and needs as identified by end-users such as Indigenous leaders, communities, and government agencies, and addresses priorities related to well-being, infrastructure, energy, ecosystems and economy in the Canadian North.
- The proposed research is excellent, innovative, original and has the potential for significant impact(s).
- The proposal deliverables, timeline, and methodologies are clearly defined and are realistic.

#### ***Project Team Expertise and Partnership Strategy (25 points)***

- The Project co-leader is Indigenous. If not, the team must comprise a strong Indigenous or Northern participation.
- The Project Leader and research team have the research expertise and excellence to deliver on the proposed plan.
- The project includes a comprehensive partnership plan, outlining the roles and contributions of relevant partners. The plan demonstrates how partners' expertise and resources are leveraged to achieve the project's goals and address identified research needs.
- The proposed project follows a networking approach, with two-way interactions between researchers and Network partners.

#### ***Community Engagement and Training (15 points)***

- The proposal describes a clear and thorough strategy for engaging with Indigenous peoples, Northern communities, and other relevant stakeholders. It includes plans for



