

16.0 Centre for International Academic Exchange (CIAE)

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16.1 General

16.1.1 History

The First Nations of University of Canada (FNUniv.) has been working internationally since 1982 in areas of academic exchange, political and human rights advocacy, cultural specific educational programs, and has entered into more than twenty-five international agreements. In 2005 the Centre for International Academic Exchange (CIAE) was established to facilitate development of international partnerships for the advancement of academic exchange for the betterment of Indigenous peoples in Canada, the Americas, and around the world.

16.1.2 Mandate

The Centre contributes to the overall university mission by strengthening and building capacity of Indigenous peoples on an international level by the development of academic, educational, and other exchanges with like-minded institutions in other countries. It promotes mutual exchange of information to serve as a vehicle for increased educational, social, economic, and cultural opportunities for Indigenous peoples to participate in mainstream society. The Centre encourages greater levels of cooperation and exchange among all partners to set the foundation for future relationships that can impact on a global front.

16.1.3 Program Priorities

The Centre acknowledges that the contribution of Indigenous peoples can have a worldwide impact because of the unique Indigenous philosophy which underpins all our relations. The Centre has a mandate to initiate and facilitate the following programming priorities:

16.2 Academic Programs

The Centre is working to develop an international Indigenous university to meet the higher education needs of Indigenous people on a global level by focusing on the use of the internet and other technologies allowing for fast distribution of information and development opportunities in distance education. This concept fulfills an ongoing role of FNUniv. in providing a forum for capacity building through sharing of experiences and strategies, which can have positive and concrete impacts upon Indigenous communities throughout the world.

16.2.1 Education, Research, and Community Development

The Centre offers education in Indigenous programs, research into Indigenous issues, and cooperative initiatives in community development in conjunction with partners from other countries. It supports capacity

building of higher education in the context of Indigenous control and development. It also recognizes and respects its partners' institutional priorities and reflects these in its programs. The Centre works to facilitate the capacity building of higher education in the context of Indigenous control and development at home and abroad. The Centre promotes an approach of community and human resource development that will contribute to the strengthening of Indigenous people and their institutions.

16.2.2 Public Education

The Centre promotes greater awareness between First Nations and other Canadians about international Indigenous issues. It encourages Canadian First Nations to become more aware of the impact Indigenous people have upon the world. The Centre also encourages Canadian First Nations and their organisations to develop their own relationships with Indigenous peoples on an international front.

16.2.3 Economic and Community Development

The Centre is mandated to create a process to allow for the sharing of resources on an international front. It promotes economic and community development for Indigenous peoples by encouraging linkages, building partnerships, and through education exchange.