Call for Proposals: Ways to Indigenize BCCAT's Approach to Research and Decolonize Its Research Practices

Background
Weaving together the traditional Indigenous and Western ways of knowing is central for implementing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TCR) recommendations on decolonization and reconciliation. BCCAT is looking for ways to decolonize and indigenize its own research practices in an informed and respectful way. How can Indigenous knowledge systems inform the inception, methods, and dissemination of research at BCCAT? This project aims at exploring a variety of approaches for intertwining Indigenous and Western systems of knowledge and at developing a pathway document focused on decolonizing and indigenizing BCCAT research.

Purpose/ Goal
To explore how Indigenous approaches to research could inform BCCAT's approach to research.

Scope
BCCAT and system partners (BC and non-BC)

Objectives
The objectives of the study include:
1. To review options of indigenizing research that are discussed in the literature;
2. To conduct an environmental scan of promising practices for Indigenous supported/led processes at post-secondary institutions and organizations similar to BCCAT;
3. To analyze complementarity of indigenization and application of EDI (equity, diversity and inclusion) principles and decolonization through discussions with Indigenous partner-organizations;
4. To identify culturally-acceptable approaches of collecting, handling, and reporting data and information pertaining to Indigenous people; and
5. To develop a pathway document for adopting Indigenous knowledge systems and perspectives to inform the inception, methodologies, and dissemination of research at BCCAT. This includes the development of a set of principles, recommendations, as well as identification of future steps BCCAT could take.

Timeline
Completion date for this project will be no later than March 2023.

Budget
Maximum budget available for this project is $22,000. This figure is inclusive of all hourly charges, travel and associated costs, and GST.

[Proposal Template for Research Projects](#)
This call is open to everybody; however, we would prefer this project to be led by an Indigenous researcher/ team.