



Study Title: The impact of Métis-specific spaces: Phase 1

This survey is part of a research project exploring the impacts of being in Métis-specific spaces in post-secondary institutions. This project is conducted by Lucy Delgado (UManitoba), Laura Forsythe (UWinnipeg), Michelle Driedger (UManitoba) and Heather Foulds (USaskatchewan). Contact information for all researchers involved in the study and a more detailed project description can be found at the bottom of this form. This research has been approved by the University of Manitoba Research Ethics Board (HE2026-4232).

You are being invited to participate in this study. This consent form (which can be downloaded and saved or printed for your records), is only part of the process of informed consent. If you want more details about anything in the form, or anything not included, please email the research team or contact us at metiswellnessproject@umanitoba.ca.

If you choose to take part in the survey on SurveyMonkey, it should take between 15-25 minutes to complete.

Risk, Benefits, and Compensation

This survey is minimal risk, meaning that the risks are no greater than what you might encounter in your daily life. There are no direct benefits to you by participating in this survey, but we hope to learn more about the impact of Métis-specific academic spaces and best practices so we can develop guidelines to help other institutions do this work well. There is no compensation for this study.

Confidentiality

All the information you provide as a participant in this study is confidential which means we as researchers must keep it safe. We will do our best, however, it is not possible to guarantee absolute confidentiality. We will only share your personal information if required through court order or law.

Use and Storage of Information

Your information will be stored on a secure platform (SurveyMonkey) approved by the University of Manitoba. No personal information (like IP addresses or identifiable

information) will be gathered. It will be downloaded from SurveyMonkey and stored on UManitoba OneDrive storage systems and deleted from SurveyMonkey by 12/2027. The research team will see your responses. We may share some of your information as quotes. The quotes will not include your name or information that may identify you. We will destroy any identifiable information that you choose to include in your responses by 6/2027. The rest of your information will be kept indefinitely to contribute to Métis ways of knowing.

Data Sharing

Your research information may be shared outside of the University of Manitoba with researchers, other organizations, and/or made publicly available. The information is being shared for further analysis or testing, as part of the research study, and/or because it is required by a funder or journal. It will not include your name or any information that could directly identify you.

Dissemination

The study results will be shared in a number of ways: through journal publications and presentations in relevant academic fields, in reports, at Annual Meetings of Métis governing bodies, in plain language summaries, and through creative work.

Withdrawing

Your participation in this research study is voluntary. You can choose to answer only the questions that you are comfortable with. You may withdraw from the study for any reason. However, if you choose to withdraw, you must do so before you submit your responses. You can do this by exiting the browser. You do not have to explain why. You will not be penalized in any way. If you withdraw partway through the study, all of your responses will be destroyed. Once you submit your responses, we can't remove them. This is because we will not be able to link your responses back to you.

Summary of Results

A summary of the results from this survey will be available by 05/2027 [t](https://nakataymiihtowiin.ca/) on our project website at <https://nakataymiihtowiin.ca/>

Questions or Concerns

Designated University of Manitoba personnel (and/or Funder) may check that this study

is being done safely and properly. To do this, they may review the research records.

This study has been reviewed and approved by a Research Ethics Board at the University of Manitoba. However, this does not mean that participation is risk-free. If you have questions about your rights as a research participant, you may contact the Office of Human Research Ethics at humanethics@umanitoba.ca or (204) 474-7122.

If you have any questions, concerns, or complaints about this study, you may contact any members of the research team listed on the first page or the Office of Human Research Ethics.

Notice Regarding Collection, Use, and Disclosure of Personal Information

Your personal information is being collected under the authority of *The University of Manitoba Act*. The University of Manitoba is committed to preserving your right to privacy. The information you provide will be used by the University to support our research. Your personal information will not be used or disclosed for other purposes, unless permitted by *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* or *The Personal Health Information Act*. If you have any questions about the collection of personal information: Ph: 204-474-9462 or Email: fippa@umanitoba.ca

This survey does not collect any information that can directly identify you. However, because SurveyMonkey servers are located in the United States, even anonymous data may be subject to U.S. Patriot Act provisions.

Consent:

By participating in this study, I agree that:

- I have read the above information.
- I have had the opportunity to ask and have answered all of my questions.
- I understand what is being asked of me.
- I will be taking part in a research study.
- I may freely stop or leave the research study activities at any time.
- My information may be shared outside the University of Manitoba.
- I do not waive my legal rights by participating in the study.

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Conflicts of Interest and Undue Influence

The above researchers do not have any conflicts of interest in this study/research.

Purpose of the Study

This research will examine the health and wellbeing outcomes for Métis women and Two-Spirit/Indigiqueer (2S/IQ) people who participate in Métis-specific spaces. In Phase 1, we are conducting a base-line survey (which this consent form refers to) to see what experiences Métis people are having at institutions across Canada. This research will include further surveys as well as gatherings and development of other interventions to support Métis people in academic spaces. This research has the potential to create clear and measurable directives for the creation of Métis-specific academic spaces which improve health outcomes for Métis women and 2S/IQ people. This research will understand the different ways that Métis women and 2S/IQ people experience Indigenous umbrella and Métis-specific spaces and articulate the core values that are necessary to enhance Métis women and 2S/IQ peoples' wellbeing, including relational accountability, and cultural safety.