



NEGITEL (Ne Kwee Tul).
Paying attention to each other

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Description

NEGITEL is a SENĆOŦEN word that references ‘paying attention to one another’. Sandee Mitchell connected with Al Sam who provided us with permission to use the word and shared the pronunciation (Ne Kwee Tul).

We use the term NEGITEL to describe the guiding partnership between:

- [Eyē? Sqâ’lewen: the Centre for Indigenous Education & Community Connections \(IECC\)](#)
- [The Camosun College Foundation](#), and
- [Camosun Innovates](#)

This partnership helps prepare Camosun to lead, support, or engage in research involving Indigenous people, communities, and knowledge application.

The existence of an Indigenous research space at Camosun is an opportunity to attract interest from Indigenous communities, agencies, and scholars, to partner in research projects that result in reciprocal benefit. It provides a venue for the endorsement of accountable, respectful, and well-designed research projects that draw from and positively impact Indigenous communities, peoples, and knowledge. It also inspires potential funders, partners, and supporters to imagine projects they might not otherwise consider, fostering confidence in Indigenous research enterprises.

Mandate

NEGITEL is concerned with sharing and synthesizing knowledge to support Indigenous people and communities in reaching their self-identified social, educational, economic and cultural goals.

Philosophy

Indigenous people know what they need.

Indigenous traditional knowledge is the intellectual property of the communities, families, and/or individuals who are its keepers. NEGITEL is committed to the preservation and protection of Indigenous knowledge.

The intersectionality of Indigenous culture, knowledge, and values cannot be separated from traditional lands, historical experiences, and persistent inequities.

Camosun College co-imagines and co-creates shared projects with Indigenous people and communities while respectfully preserving and protecting Indigenous autonomy and traditional knowledge.

Protocols

NEGITEL invites Indigenous people and communities to identify research and development needs they may wish to pursue in partnership with Camosun College.

NEGITEL shares information about and inquiries from Indigenous people and communities in order to support Indigenous interests, facilitate communication, and expand the potential for engagement.

NEGITEL invites Indigenous research projects from Camosun College students, staff and faculty that align with the philosophy and mandate of the guiding partnership.

NEGITEL gathers and shares information about potential project collaborators, funders, partners, and supporters.

NEGITEL supports [Chapter 9 of the Tri-Council Policy](#), Indigenous research ethics, and review by the college [Research Ethics Board](#) to support the protection of Indigenous traditional knowledge.

NEGITEL collaborates and/or keeps each other informed about the progress of projects.

Procedures

NEGITEL collaborates, as appropriate, on proposal development in preparation for the conduct of responsible research activity, as well as the research itself.

NEGITEL provides encouragement for dedicated research projects but does not engage formally in the supervision of research personnel.

NEGITEL does not occupy a single dedicated space on Camosun campuses, serving a support function and focusing its operations and processes on virtual spaces and communications.

NEGITEL strives to remain informed about all Indigenous research projects undertaken by Camosun personnel.

NEGITEL supports the sharing of information and knowledge associated with Indigenous research conducted within the scope of the guiding partnership.

NEGITEL will meet a minimum of once per semester.