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APPLIED RESEARCH AT THE COLLEGE OF NEW CALEDONIA

Policy Statement

College-directed applied research focuses on the learner, and on enhancing his or her educational development at CNC through supported access to research opportunities and related skills development. Applied research activities foster the ability to produce new and improved strategies, capabilities, products, processes and services, which CNC does in close collaboration with industry, business, community, and government partners. Engaging in applied research provides opportunities to enhance the training of our students, support the development of our employees, and foster innovation in our communities.

Purpose / Rationale

The purpose of this policy is to: (i) describe the College's philosophy with respect to applied research; and (ii) establish principles and working definitions for conducting College-directed applied research.

Scope / Limits

This policy applies to all applied research activities initiated and/or directed by the College and managed primarily through the Office of Applied Research & Innovation.

This policy does not apply to employee-initiated research and scholarly activities initiated and conducted without direction from the College or the Office of Applied Research & Innovation.

Other College policies and procedures such as the *Research Guidelines: Integrity and Research and Scholarship*, apply to all research activities at the College, whether College-directed, undertaken as part of classroom activity, or by an individual employee as part of their work at the College.

Principles/Guidelines

1. College employees involved in applied research strive for the following:
 - i. Involve students in research activities to provide them with new and enhanced opportunities for learning;
 - ii. Work to enhance the knowledge and experience of College staff, and work to enhance the College's reputation;
 - iii. Strive to create enhanced learning environments through the enriched opportunities applied research provides;

- iv. Establish collaborative, mutually beneficial arrangements and/or partnerships with local business, First Nations, academic, governmental and non-governmental organizations wherever possible;
2. Work done will adhere to the highest ethical principles and standards.
3. All applied research activities must receive appropriate College approval prior to commencement. (procedure document to be developed)
4. Applied research will be conducted by qualified College individuals.
5. Applied research will be self-funded through research contracts such as grants and consultancies, and will adhere to existing College policies and agreements.

Definitions

1. Applied research is original investigation undertaken in order to acquire new knowledge, directed primarily towards a specific practical aim or objective.
2. The qualifications of employees or contracted entities will be determined based on project requirement, by the Office of Applied Research & Innovation in collaboration with educational units and industry/community/business partners.

Legislative and Collective Agreement References

Current Collective Agreement between the College of New Caledonia and The Faculty Association of CNC

Current Collective Agreement between College of New Caledonia and Canadian Union of Public Employees

Links to Other Related Policies, Documents and Websites

Research guidelines: Integrity in Research and Scholarship
(http://www.cnc.bc.ca/__shared/assets/Integrity_in_Research17321.pdf)

College of New Caledonia Applied Research policies:
(<http://www.cnc.bc.ca/Research/Resources.htm>)

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