



NORTHERN LIGHTS COLLEGE

Applied Research

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POLICY

Applied research activities foster the ability to produce new and improved strategies, capabilities, products, processes and services, which the College 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 for the development of our employees, and fosters innovation in our communities.

PURPOSE

This policy describes the principles and procedures for conducting applied research at the College.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all College employees and students engaged in applied research activities.

This policy does not apply to ongoing information gathering activities that are related directly to the normal administering, evaluating, or improving of an operation, program, service or activity within the College.

PROCEDURE

Those involved in applied research at the College commit to:

- (1) Involving students in research activities to provide them with enhanced opportunities for learning;
- (2) Enhancing learning environments through the enriched opportunities that applied research provides;
- (3) Enhancing the knowledge and experience of College employees, and work to enhance the College's reputation;
- (4) Establish collaborative, mutually beneficial arrangements and/or partnerships with local business, academic, governmental and non-governmental organizations, and industry partners wherever possible;
- (5) Adhering to the highest ethical principles and standards (see the Tri-Council Policy Statement, 2014)¹

¹ <http://www.pre.ethics.gc.ca/eng/>

- (6) Receiving appropriate College approval prior to the commencement of any research activities associated with the College;
- (7) Adhering to existing College policies and agreements
- (8) Typically being self-funded through research contracts such as grants and consultancies.

DEFINITIONS

Applied Research is designed to acquire new knowledge that seeks practical solutions to everyday problems.

Research is defined as an “undertaking intended to extend knowledge through a disciplined inquiry and/or systematic investigation”²

STAKEHOLDERS

Northern Lights College Board of Governors
Northern Lights College Executive
Northern Lights College Faculty and Staff
Northern Lights College Students

RELATED POLICIES AND REFERENCES

Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Human Participants
Integrity in Research and Scholarship
Commercialization of Intellectual Property

Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans
<http://www.pre.ethics.gc.ca/eng/>

² Interagency Advisory Panel of Research Ethics. (2008). *Proportionate Approach to Research Ethics Review in the TCPS* Towards a Revised Definition of Research in the TCPS.

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