

DEFINING RESEARCH

Research is defined as "a systematic investigation, including research development, testing, and evaluation, designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge." This is a structured process to answer a question, gain knowledge, or search for a solution to a problem.

<https://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/regulations-and-policy/regulations/45-cfr-46/index.html>

TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY

Tribes can use research to exercise their sovereign rights, regarding what research can be done in their communities and prioritizing topics vital to their tribal members. Research must be beneficial to tribes and support positive change.

CRCAIH is focused on research on social determinants of health, the conditions in which a person is born, grow, live, and age. These characteristics are influenced by the distribution of money, power, and resources at global, national, and local levels.

TRIBALLY-DRIVEN DECISIONS

Research outcomes can help drive decisions crucial to tribal members. Knowing how to optimize existing data and to best gather new research data is critical. Data is gathered and can be examined to look at best evidence-based decisions for tribal communities capacity building.

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CRCAIH

The Collaborative Research Center for American Indian Health, was established in 2012 with a grant from National Institute for Minority Health and Health Disparities (U54MD008164) with a mission to bring together tribal communities and health researchers within SD, ND and MN. The goal is to build tribal research infrastructure and transdisciplinary research teams to improve American Indian health through examination of social and environmental influences on health.



THE IMPORTANCE OF RESEARCH WITH TRIBAL NATIONS

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