

POLICY

ATTRIBUTION POLICY

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Responsible Committee	Governance	Approver	Board
Effective Date	Dec 1, 2024	Approval Date	Dec 9, 2024
Scope	This Policy applies to all of BKC's directors, officers, members of board committees and other advisory bodies, contractors and staff, the Network Investigators, and recipients of BKC sponsorships.		
Related Policy, Procedures and/or Additional Information	<i>SSF Program Guide</i> <i>SSF Contribution Agreement</i> <i>Policy - Official Languages</i> <i>Policy – Intellectual Property and Benefit to Canada</i>		
Review Cycle	Annual	Next Review Date	

Braiding Knowledges Canada (BKC) is proud to be part of a rich history of Indigenous knowledge and culture, including Indigenous ways of knowing, doing and being. We recognize the historical trauma and the triumphs that many different cultures, lands and Nations have continuously faced within Canada. We acknowledge that we are on the treaty lands and territory of numerous and diverse Indigenous Nations and pay tribute to their heritage and legacy, as we strengthen ties with the communities we serve while taking concrete actions towards meaningful reconciliation. We are grateful to have the opportunity to work with Indigenous communities on this land. We pay respect to all Indigenous people from all nations across Canada, acknowledge the traditional knowledge keepers and honour their leaders.

BKC recognizes and honours the vital role Indigenous knowledge, principles, and ways of being, bring to research, operations, and governance as we work together to develop a better understanding of our shared mountain ecosystems and beyond. BKC commits to braiding ethical space and Indigenous principles in everything we do, emphasizing the interconnectedness of our society, nature and our collective place in the environment. BKC affirms the rights-based self-determination of Indigenous Peoples and commits to upholding the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and Truth and Reconciliation Commission commitments in all BKC Undertakings.

1. Context

The Strategic Science Fund (“**SSF**”) aims to mobilize the expertise and resources of independent science and research not-for-profit organizations to enhance Canada’s science, technology and innovation (“**ST&I**”) excellence. SSF investments will achieve results for Canadians by addressing critical needs, such as supporting Canada’s knowledge economy, in areas or in ways that advance federal objectives. The SSF program (as set out in the SSF Program Guide) is jointly administered by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (“**ISED**”) and Health Canada, via a Program Management Committee and Steering Committee.

Beginning April 1, 2024, the Canadian Mountain Network (“**CMN**”) was awarded \$30,400,000.00 over 5 years under the SSF to continue its work as Braiding Knowledges Canada (“**BKC**”), focused on braiding Indigenous and Western Knowledges to advance environmental conservation, restoration, adaptation and well-being expanding beyond mountain ecosystems. BKC’s goal as stated in its Strategic Plan (2024-2029) is to significantly enhance the impact of self-determined, place-based, and co-produced knowledge within Canada’s science culture such that, over time and on a path towards reconciliation, Indigenous and local knowledge approaches equitably contribute to public policy, decision-making, and the advancement of federal science priorities.

The adjudication of proposals and the evaluation of progress for subsequently funded projects must adhere to all aspects of the SSF Program Guide and the Contribution Agreement between the Canadian Mountain Network (Braiding Knowledges Canada) and ISED (Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada).

All public communications must acknowledge the financial support of the Minister of Industry (the “**Minster**”) in a form satisfactory to the Minister. Further, BKC must limit the acknowledgement to applications agreed upon by the minister and to terminate the acknowledgement upon request of the Minister. Sample wording for public communications is found below.

BKC must give reasonable prior notice to the Minister of a proposed public announcement or ceremony relating to a project, and invite the Minister or his/her designated representative to participate in such announcement or ceremony, and if possible must accommodate the Minister’s requested date for the public announcement or ceremony.

2. Purpose

To facilitate acknowledgement of BKC support, a short form and long form of a recommended citation is contained below. The BKC corporate logo is available upon request, subject to the conditions set out below.

Short Form Citation:

This event was made possible through the generous support of Braiding Knowledges Canada, funded by a five-year grant from the Government of Canada's Strategic Science Fund.

Long Form Citation:

This event was made possible through the generous support of Braiding Knowledges Canada (BKC), funded by a five-year grant from the Government of Canada's Strategic Science Fund.

Braiding Knowledges Canada advances *Reconciliation through Research* by enhancing the influence of self-determined, place-based, and co-produced knowledge within Canada's science culture such that, over time and on a path towards reconciliation, Indigenous and local knowledge approaches equitably contribute to public policy, decision-making, and the advancement of federal science priorities.

Acknowledging BKC support when making presentations:

BKC PowerPoint templates and slides providing an overview of the Network and BKC's corporate logo/trademark are available electronically to be embedded into electronic or print presentations upon request.

Acknowledging support of the Minister in public communications:

Public communications must acknowledge the financial support of the Minister and be in compliance with the Federal Identity Program. Prior to the release of any public communication, such form should be pre-approved by the Minister. Examples of an acknowledgement that could be included in public communications are:

- "With the generous assistance of the Government of Canada and the Minister of Industry/avec l'aide généreuse du Gouvernement du Canada et du Ministre de l'Industrie"
- Including the coat of arms of the Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada and the "Canada" watermark
- Including the signature of the Minister, or the "Government of Canada" signature

The titles of federal institutions must appear in both official languages in a side by side format in all signatures. Further, any public acknowledgement of the Minister's support for a project must be expressed in both official languages (including social media posts).

Intellectual Property Rights

For the purposes of this section, "**Intellectual Property Rights**" means any and all rights existing from time to time under patent law, copyright law, trademark law, or trade secret law and all rights in patents, designs, copyrights, copyrightable works and works of authorship, moral rights, trademarks, trade names, service marks and other proprietary trade designations, trade secrets, know-how, methodologies, techniques, specifications and any other intellectual rights of any nature, whatsoever throughout the world, registered or unregistered, and any and all applications, compilations, improvements, modifications or new developments of any of the foregoing.

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1	Dec 9, 2024	Dec 1, 2024	New, replaced CMN.
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