

LGBTQ2S Community Research Guidelines



OUTSaskatoon recognizes the importance of research on lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and two-spirit (LGBTQ2S) issues in order to improve the lives of LGBTQ2S people in the broader societal framework. We often partner with researchers on relevant projects, and enjoy collaborating on community-driven and action-oriented initiatives.

If you are thinking of doing research with the LGBTQ2S community and want OUTSaskatoon's help, collaboration, or guidance, your research must align with the following principles:

Community-driven: Research that is community-driven begins with the community, rather than being “based on” the community. It includes research topics that are determined through conversations with OUTSaskatoon and which are of practical relevance to the mission and vision of our work.

Participatory: Participatory research shares ownership and control with community members. This includes reciprocal involvement in the research design, implementation and dissemination.

Action-oriented: Action-oriented research is useful to OUTSaskatoon and has the potential to create effective and positive social change for the communities that we serve.

(See: http://www.communitybasedresearch.ca/Page/View/CBR_definition for further discussion)

Most importantly, if you are conducting community-driven research and would like to partner with OUTSaskatoon, please contact us about the project in the early stages of planning and development so that we can be meaningful partners and contributors.

For studies that are already underway, we have developed these guidelines to help further research on LGBTQ2S issues while ensuring that we are not over-extending ourselves. Thank you for respecting these guidelines.

1. All research should be conducted with accepted ethical standards and protocols, including but not limited to, OCAP principles, relevant university research ethics, etc. We require proof of adherence to these standards.
2. All research should further the understanding of LGBTQ2S issues or problems faced by LGBTQ2S people and communities. Assistance will not be given to those studies seeking general study participants.
3. OUTSaskatoon will post information for one month regarding a study. Posting will appear on the OUTSaskatoon Facebook page and on our bulletin board at the Center at 201 - 320 21st St W Saskatoon, SK

4. Researchers must provide both a paragraph to be posted online as well as a flyer to be posted on the bulletin board. OUTSaskatoon is not able to create flyers or postings.
5. OUTSaskatoon is not able to distribute “calls for participation” in research studies to our general mailing list, unless we are collaborators on the project.
6. OUTSaskatoon will not include studies in our quarterly magazine, OUTyxé, unless we are collaborators on the project.
7. All research requests that are posted with OUTSaskatoon should, **at minimum**, include the following:
 - Name of researcher
 - Title of Research Study
 - Purpose of Study
 - Timeframe of Study
 - Protocols taken to protect Human Subjects
 - Name and contact information of Research Advisor
8. Results from any research should be shared with OUTSaskatoon in a timely fashion.
9. When we conduct evaluations or research, we honour the lived experience of LGBTQ2S people through honoraria, travel support, and/or the provision of food and refreshments. We invite you to do the same and to build these costs into your research budget.
10. Specific requests can be considered on a case-by-case basis. The requests must come in writing to the Executive Director, Rachel Loewen Walker

For any research inquiries please contact:

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Thank you for your cooperation!