



# Saskatchewan Indigenous Mentorship Network

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# Agenda

- Opening Prayer
- Introductions
- 2018-2019 Report
- Governance Model: Revised Committee Structure
- Year 3-5 Planning
- NEIHR application update and relationship with SK-IMN
- Closing

\*\* Lunch \*\*

Dr. Caroline Tait



Dr. Bill Mussell



Dr. Robert Innes



## Our Team



Dr. Alex Wilson



Dr. Brenda Elias



Dr. David Gregory



Dr. Robert Henry

+ 70+ faculty, staff,  
students and  
community members



Dr. Caroline Tait



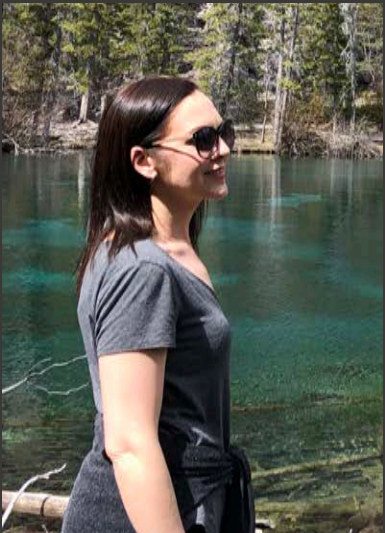
Allison Piché



Shelley Harron



# Office Team



Rhonda Taillon



Fleur Macqueen Smith



Micheal Heimlick



Joe Neapetung

# Year 1

- Coordinator hired September 2017
- Logo, website, social media
- Monthly newsletter
- Network Information Session (Nov 2017)
- Networking Nights (January, February 2018)
- Miyomahcihow Gathering (March 2018)
- Logic Model and Interviews
- Mentee Scholarship (June 2018)
- Outreach (Indigenous Spend-A-Day, Graduation and Two-Spirit Powwows)

## Year 2

- First Annual Gathering September 8-9, 2018 at Wanuskewin
- Indigenous Health Speaker Series
- Launch of funding Program (January 2019)
- Monthly newsletter
- First Writing Retreat (February 19-22, 2019)
- Hired Outreach Coordinator (March 2019)
- Outreach (Yellowquill Career Day, Graduation Powwow)
- Presentation to President of CIHR, Scientific Director Institute of Indigenous Peoples Health







July 2018

Thank you to all who signed up for a SK-IMN committee!

We are still looking for a few members on the following committees. If you're interested, or know someone who might be, please have them let us know!  
E-mail us at [sk.imnp@usask.ca](mailto:sk.imnp@usask.ca).

Network Oversight:	U of R, SaskPoly, GDI, Student Rep*
Mentee Scholarship Review Committee:	Full
Awards and Adjudication Committee:	Full

**SK Indigenous Mentorship Network**  
@SK\_IMNP  
Saskatchewan Indigenous Mentorship Network - Connecting mentors and mentees interested in Indigenous health, wellness and community based research.  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan  
[usask.ca/groups/indigen...](https://usask.ca/groups/indigen...)  
148 Following 95 Followers

**USaskHR** @USaskHR · 2018-06-07  
The Native Law Centre is recruiting a Clerical Assistant to provide administrative and clerical support and be the first point of contact for all individuals arriving and calling in to the



# Saskatchewan Indigenous Mentorship Network

- Leadership Advisory Committee
- Mentee Scholarship Review Committee
- Awards & Adjudication Committee
- Outreach Committee
- Evaluation Committee
- Events Committee
- *Mentorship Committee*
- *Institutional Advisory Committee*

# Leadership Advisory Committee

- Principle Investigators of SK-IMN
- Goals include:
  - Set direction for SK-IMN and provide oversight
  - Support Indigenous students pursuing degrees in health and wellness (broadly speaking)
  - *Possibility of including new members for Years 3-5*



# Awards & Adjudication Committee

## 2018-2019

- \$164,000 in funding
- Money in CoM and SK-IMN carries forward
- Deadlines 3x year

## Ongoing Work

- Work with ConnectionPoint to streamline process for students outside U of S
- Develop funding application workshop (Mentee Scholarship)
- Better promote awards at First Nations University and University of Regina



# SK-IMN Funding

Name	%	\$
Undergraduate Travel Award	4	\$2000
Undergraduate Summer Studentship	36	\$18,000
Graduate Student Travel Award (\$500-2000)	10	\$5000
Graduate Student Stipend (\$3000 value)	30	\$15,000
New Investigator Support for Undergraduate Summer Studentship	20	\$10,000
	100	\$50,000



# SK-IMN In-Kind Contributions

Abbreviation	Name	%	\$
CGPS	College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies Mentee Scholarship	17.5	\$20,000
CoM	College of Medicine (CoMGRAD)	21	\$24,000
OVPR	Graduate Student Travel Award (\$500-2000)	17.5	\$5000
	Graduate Student Stipend (\$3000 value)		\$15,000
PH	Public Health Entrance Scholarship (\$5000) (Administered internally)	9	\$10,000
Nursing	Entrance Scholarships (Administered internally)	17.5	\$20,000
VetMed	Flexible (Administered internally) 2017-2018 Undergraduate Summer Students (2)	17.5	\$20,000
		100	\$114,000

## Graduate Stipend



**Danielle Bird** (*Nehiyaw*) is a member of the Saddle Lake Cree Nation in Alberta and has familial ties to the Mistawasis Nehiyawak in West Central Saskatchewan. She graduated from the University of Saskatchewan in 2016 with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and a Minor in Indigenous Studies (with Great Distinction). Bird is currently a MA student in the Department of Indigenous Studies at the University of Saskatchewan where her research focuses on reintegration strategies for formerly incarcerated Indigenous women in Saskatchewan.



**Belinda C. Daniels** (*kakiyosew*) is a nēhiyaw from Sturgeon Lake First Nations, SK. Belinda has four children and a new grandson. Belinda resides in saskatoon-minatohk askiy. She is the founder of the nehiyawak Summer Language Experience (15 years), a summer camp held annually out on the land is one of its' best features, now a not for profit org. Inc. Belinda is a published academic writer, teacher, mentor and an award-winning educator. Belinda currently teaches Indigenous Studies, Cultural Arts and nehiyawewin Core Language classes for the Saskatoon Public School

Division and is a sessional at CILLDI with the University of Alberta. Lastly, she a Ph.D Candidate with the Interdisciplinary Department at University of Saskatchewan.

\*Belinda is also a recipient of a SK-IMN travel award which will support her in attending the International Bilingualism Conference to present on Language Revitalization in Edmonton, AB this June.



**Nathan Oakes** is from Piapot First Nation, on Treaty 4 territory in Saskatchewan. Nathan completed his BSc in Physiology and Pharmacology in 2018, and is currently working to complete his Masters in Public Health at the University of Saskatchewan.

During his undergrad, Nathan was an Aboriginal Student Ambassador and involved in the Science Outreach Program. While working on his Masters he continues to work part time with Nutrien Kamskénow Science Outreach

# 2018-2019 Funding Recipients

- 11 University of Saskatchewan students
- 5 University of Regina students
- 1 First Nations University student

List available on our website under News → 2018-2019 Funding Recipients



- Joe Neapetung (Outreach Coordinator)
- Lana Elias (Science Outreach)
- Nolan Kenny (SIIT)
- Leah Ferguson (Kinesiology)
- Bill Mussell (PI)
- Andrew Hartman (ISAP)

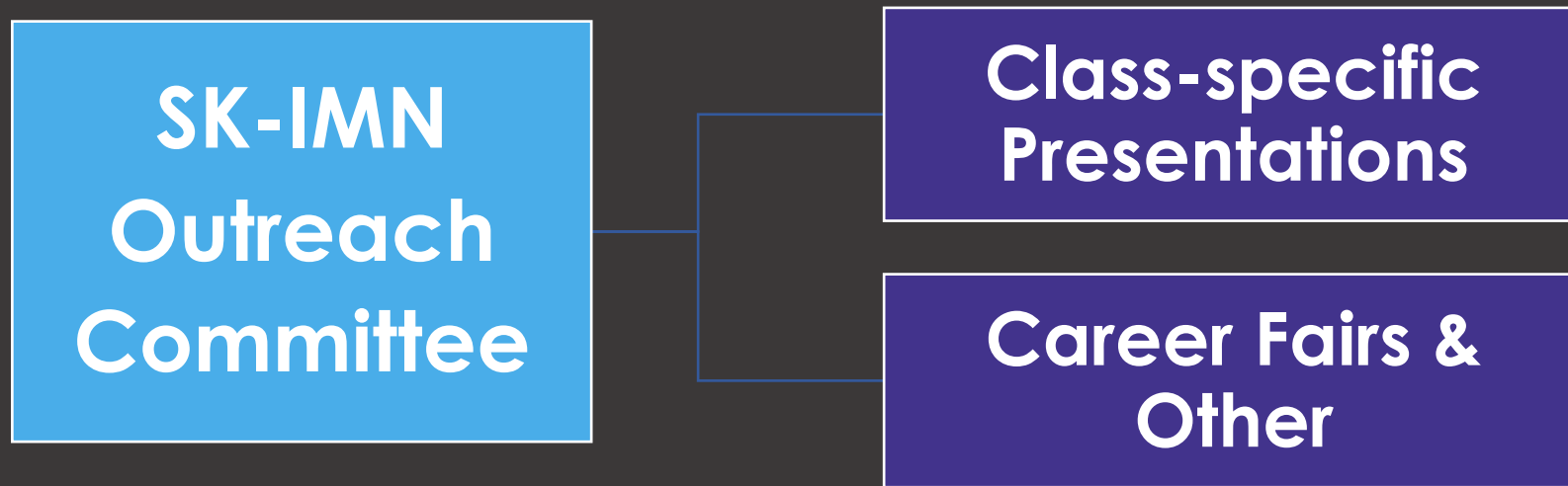
## Outreach Committee

Activities so far...

- Booths at Graduation Powwow, Yellow Quill Career Fair, Two Spirit Powwow, Indigenous Spend-A-Day
- Meetings with SPSD (2018)
- Meetings with Science Outreach (2018-2019)
- Outreach plan for summer 2019
- 2019-2020 Plan



# Proposed Outreach Program





# Events Committee

- Sidney Ray-Shacter, student
- Simon Lambert, Indigenous Studies
- Carmen Gillies (SUNTEP)

## Annual Activities

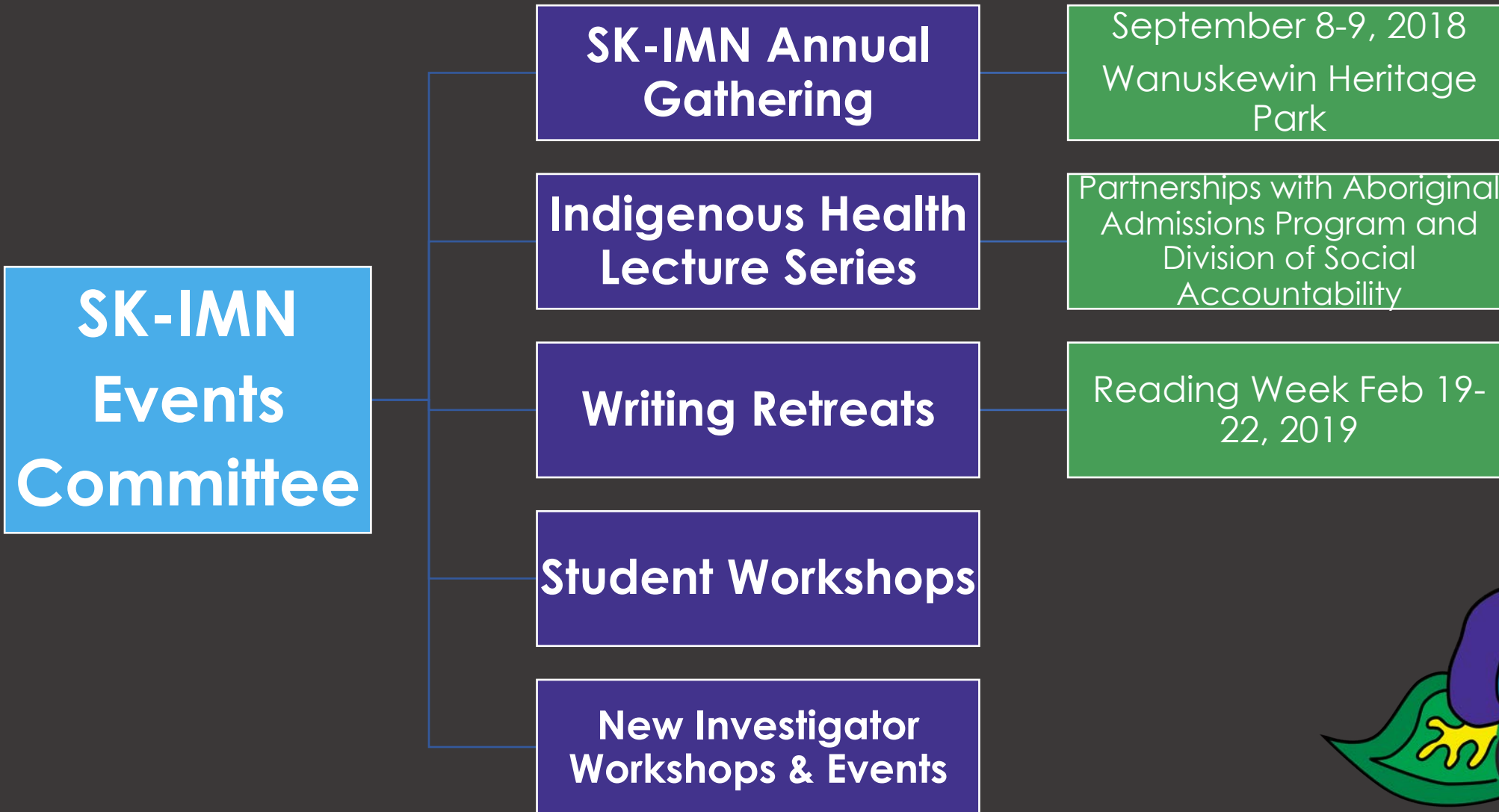
- Annual Gathering
- Writing Retreats (during reading week)
- Indigenous Health Speaker Series
- Grad Student Meet Ups
- Networking opportunities

## Coming year(s):

- *Workshops/Webinars for students and New Investigators*

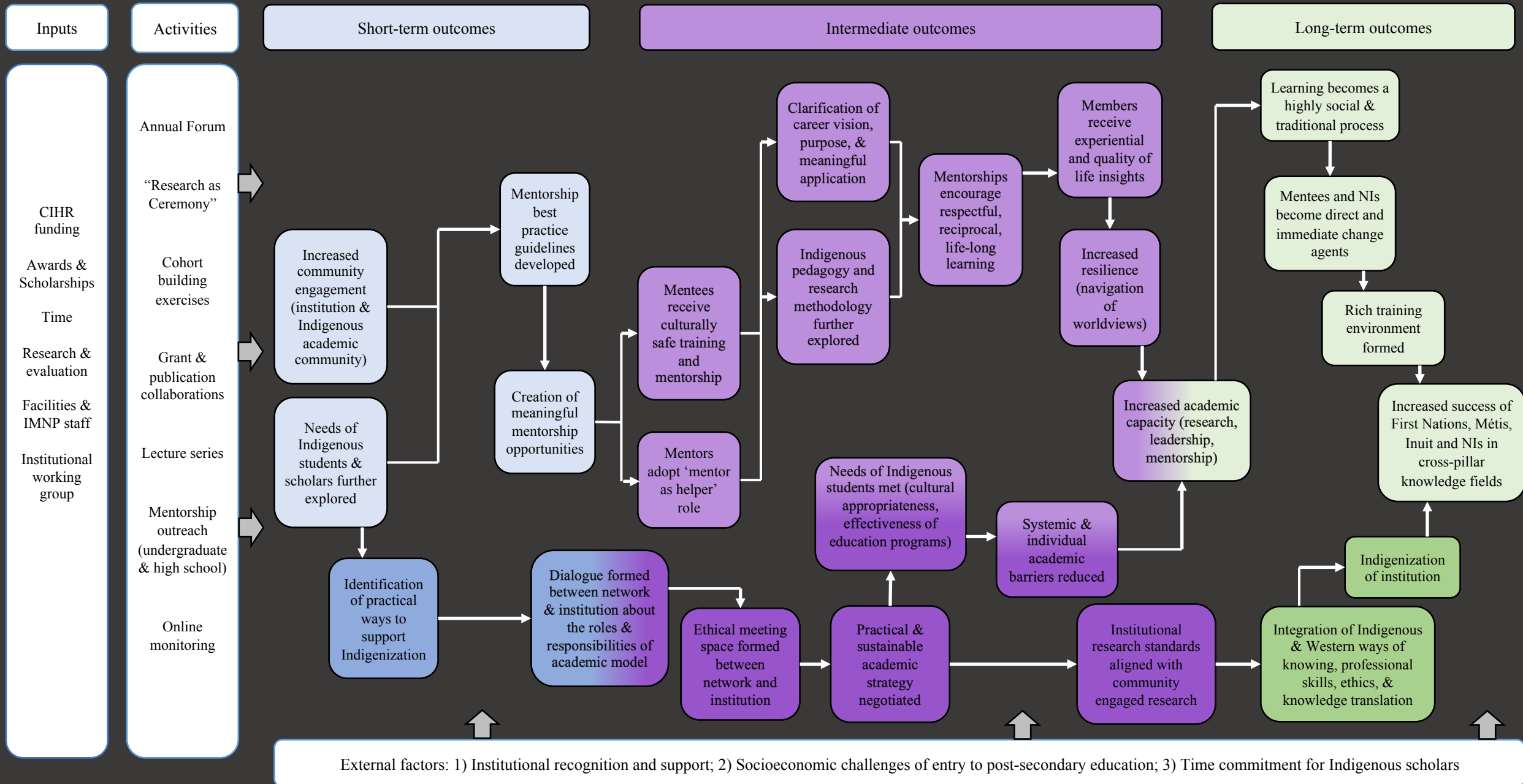


# Events & Activities Program



# Evaluation Committee/Strategy

- Micheal Heimlick, Evaluator
- Cassandra Opikokew Wajuntah, IPHRC/U of R
- Glen Luther, Law
- Ranjan Datta, JS GS





# Events Committee

## 2017-2018 Academic Year

- Information Session and Launch (November 2017)
- Networking Nights (January, February 2018)
- Gathering for miyo mahcihowin (March 2018)
- Indigenous Spend-A-Day Fair
- Graduation Powwow
- Two Spirit Powwow



# SK-IMN Challenges

- Connecting with Indigenous students across U of S and province
  - *Partnership with IPHRC*
- Indigenizing the institution
  - Multiple groups on campus working towards this – how best to leverage our resources to push for systemic change at U of S and other post-secondary institutions in province
- Geographic limitations/finances to support SK-IMN activities at other institutions



**Break**



# 2019-2020 Planning

- New Committee Members and New Committees
- Sustainability
  - Other funding opportunities
- Evaluation
- Web and other resources
- Annual Gathering 2019





# Mentorship Committee

- Develop mentorship model – layered approach
  - In person, online?
- Test model
- How to operationalize at other institutions
- How to liaise with International IMNP/international mentors
- Make better use of registration form and mentor profiles on website

# Institutional Advisory Committee

- Work with senior leadership
- Ensure teams are supporting each other rather than working separately towards similar goals

# Sustainability

- No news on renewal of IMNP funding program
- Unsure of relationship between IMNPs and NEIHR after overlap
- OneHealth Mentorship Idea – NSERC *CREATE* grant
- *Other sustainability plans?*

# Evaluation

- National Evaluation Strategy
- *Internal evaluation plan for years 3-5*

# Annual Gathering 2019

Save the Date

**September 26-28, 2019 at First Nations University**

Thursday – Excursion to All Nations Healing Hospital

Friday – Poster Competition and Banquet

Saturday – Concurrent Sessions and Workshops





# NEIHR Centres

- Internal deadline July 15
- External (CIHR) deadline September 4
- 4 University of Saskatchewan Applications
- Must describe how team will work with IMNP
- IMNPs (collectively) developing standard Letter of Support to avoid Conflict/Perceived conflict of interest

# Brainstorming Sessions

- What are we doing?
- What can we do better? How?
- How can you help?



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