



## Wildfire Research Advisor – Position Description

The National Indigenous Fire Safety Council (NIFSC) is driven to promote national standards in fire prevention, education, and suppression within Indigenous communities across Canada.

The NIFSC is recruiting for one (1) Wildfire Research Advisor position designed to support a research initiative focused on wildland urban interface (WUI) fire safety in Canadian Indigenous communities. This role is funded through the National Resources Canada for a two-year term. This position reports to the Director of Research and works alongside a second Wildfire Research Advisor as well as a team at the University of Waterloo.

The objective of this project is to build foundational wildfire knowledge by engaging with Indigenous communities and scientific studies around WUI hazards to develop community specific framework on wildfire preparedness and evacuation plans.

This Project will engage with Indigenous communities and conduct scientific studies around WUI hazards, utilizing a multi-dimensional approach to develop community specific framework for wildfire preparedness and evacuation plans. The project also aims to communicate best practices and practical implementation strategies through storytelling and print. The goal is to empower community-wide resilience to wildfire through vulnerability awareness, prioritization, mitigation and preparedness at all levels.

**Immediate Supervisor:** Director of Research

### Primary Responsibilities and Duties Include:

- > Produce foundational knowledge by engaging Indigenous communities to understand and assess WUI fire risk.
- > Mobilize this knowledge into practical fire safety programs, using culturally appropriate storytelling, visual media, and print.
- > Enhance wildfire resilience through community-based vulnerability awareness, risk prioritization, mitigation, and preparedness strategies.
- > Develop Indigenous-informed risk assessment frameworks and fire mitigation strategies.
- > Transform insights into accessible, community-driven WUI Fire Safety programs.
- > Liaise with other wildfire, WUI, fire safety and emergency organizations as and when required.
- > Maintain required records system and file all required internal and external reports.
- > Perform other related duties as assigned.
- > Travel as and when required to perform duties.

### Required Competencies:

- > Strong written and interpersonal skills required, including the ability to establish effective working relationships and communicate effectively with new communities.
- > Knowledge of how to conduct community engagement sessions and gather information.
- > Demonstrated ability to work remotely, self-motivated and self-directed.





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## Desired Qualifications:

- > Graduate with a degree/diploma in Indigenous studies, Environmental studies, Health, Science, Engineering or relevant.
- > Coursework completed in the following categories: climate change, community risk mitigation, data collection and analysis, emergency disaster management, communications or Indigenous Studies.
- > Experience working on multi-year research initiatives within an academic or professional setting.

## Preferred Professional Experience:

- > Five years of validated experience working in Indigenous environments
- > Two years of experience working within a research context
- > Experience and knowledge of fire and life safety

## Closing Date:

There is no closing date. Recruitment is ongoing.

## How to Apply:

Submit a resume and cover letter to [HR@indigenousfiresafety.ca](mailto:HR@indigenousfiresafety.ca). Interested candidates may be located anywhere in Canada.

*NIFSC is an equal opportunity organization and encourages Expression of Interests responses from any community.*

