

# Listening Session: Tribal Investigator Development Program

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## Tribal Research & Evaluation at NIJ

- NIJ actively funds research & evaluation (R&E) with tribal communities
- Committed to ethical and engaged efforts in line with responsible research conduct and federal trust responsibilities



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## Difficulty Funding Applications

- Application process
- Application requirements
- Types of solicitation
- Lack of R&E capacity



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## Potential Solution: Investigator Development

- For researchers
  - Training on principles of ethical and engaged research with tribal communities
- For Tribes
  - training on the R&E process
  - the development and/or implementation of best practices for R&E partnerships
- Tribal-investigator-mentor partnerships
  - tangible and mutually beneficial projects.



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## Framing Questions

1. Is there a need for this type of program?
2. What benefits would tribes like to see in a R&E partnership?
3. What should a tribal-researcher/evaluator partnership look like?
4. What would be the most important elements of R&E collaborations between tribal communities and scientists?



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5. Is there a need to provide training to tribes on R&E partnerships?
6. What key areas should be included in a training curriculum for tribal investigators?
7. How can NIJ best facilitate these partnerships?



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