

Building Healthy Sustainable Communities

"A trusted entry point to the university"
(Fontan et al., 2011)

- Community-based Research
- Collaborative Organizing Hub
- Public policy
- Knowledge mobilization (KM)
- Community Fora & Conferences
- Student (Paid) Internships, Service Learning, and Training
- Faculty Outreach and Engagement
- 130 published reports
- Numerous academic publications
- Website: annual reports, research updates, downloadable reports, peoples and events



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Facilitating Partnerships

between the university and the larger community in order to engage in relevant social research that supports a deeper understanding of our communities and reveals opportunities for improving our quality of life



CUISR Strategic Research

Focuses on developing knowledge that helps to improve community quality of life through studies in these areas:

- Community sustainability
- Social economy and social relations
- Rural-urban community links
- Indigenous community development
- Community university partnerships

CUISR infrastructure and mechanisms have been tried, tested, and improved to produce community-relevant research.



CUISR's unique governance, innovative methods, and award-winning researchers have secured \$12 million in SSHRC grants to 2023

- Published five iterations of Quality of Life research at the municipal neighbourhood level—one of the most developed longitudinal studies in Canada
- Managed Homeless Individuals and Families Information System (HIFIS) and point-in-time homelessness counts, 2008, 2012, 2015, 2018, 2022
- Leads prairie region research on SSHRC-CMHC-funded People, Places, Policies, Prospects (PI Catherine Leviten-Reid, CBU)
- Leads national Health, Social and Economic Outcomes theme of SSHRC-CMHC-funded A Safe and Affordable Place to Call Home: A Multi-disciplinary Longitudinal Outcomes Analysis of the National Housing Strategy (PIs O'Brien and Kennelly, Carleton U)
- Published key policy research on self-directed funding for people with intellectual disabilities
- Published with Sexual Assault Services of Saskatchewan and FSIN research studies supporting the first provincial sexual violence action plan
- Developed new evaluation tools, including Social Return on Investment, and national partnerships (Coalition Canada basic income -revenu de base)
- Hosted CUExpo, community fora, conferences, published 130 reports, journal articles, special issues, *Journeys in Community-based Research*, ed.. Jeffery, Findlay, Martz, and Clarke (U of Regina Press, 2014)

CUISR “an economic growth agent for community based organizations” represents “significant capital for the university” (Fontan et al., 2011)

COMMUNITY

Building on early strong relationships with the Saskatoon Health Region and the City of Saskatoon, CUISR continues to expand its broad base of community partners who may serve on the management board and co-lead strategic research. Local, provincial, and national governments, foundations, large provincial and community-based organizations, Indigenous organizations, and citizenry contribute financially and through in-kind support on a range of projects and KM activities:

- Evaluations and consultations
- Policy analysis
- Data for (funding) proposals
- Research and KM capacity
- Measurement toolkits

UNIVERSITY

CUISR provides many opportunities for faculty and students to bring theory to life in socially relevant and rigorous research.

- Faculty can participate as supervisors (on internships), as CUISR research associates, on the management board, as co-leads of strategic research, or as the University Co-Director
- Students from diverse departments engage with community agencies and faculty. Students gain training and experience in research design and ethics, interviewing, data analysis, and diverse dissemination strategies in a rich learning environment