NIH Strategic Plan for Tribal Health Research FY 2019 – FY 2023
Overview of Strategic Goals and Objectives

For quick reference, this document summarizes the goals and objectives of the NIH Strategic Plan for Tribal Health Research FY 2019 – FY 2023.

**Goal 1: Enhancing Communication and Collaboration**

**Strategic Objective 1.1:** Increase bidirectional communication and coordination among NIH, tribal nations, AI/AN researchers, AI/AN-serving organizations, and agency partners.

**Strategic Objective 1.2:** Enhance NIH Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC) input to NIH-wide policies and activities related to AI/AN health.

**Strategic Objective 1.3:** Enhance internal trans-NIH communication to consolidate and coordinate information about AI/AN health needs and ICO research, interests, and activities.

**Strategic Objective 1.4:** Improve trans-NIH communication with the scientific community about AI/AN health research, health disparities, and related ICO research and activities.

**Goal 2: Building Research Capacity for AI/AN Communities**

**Strategic Objective 2.1:** Form collaborative partnerships with tribes, communities, and research groups to develop strategies for improving AI/AN health research.

**Strategic Objective 2.2:** Examine and address the varying complexity and diversity of needs for building research capacity among different AI/AN groups.

**Strategic Objective 2.3:** Increase awareness of relevant NIH research support training opportunities among AI/AN groups.

**Strategic Objective 2.4:** Expand support for AI/AN researchers to increase their capacity to secure NIH funding.

**Strategic Objective 2.5:** Work to increase the number of AI/AN students who pursue health and biomedical research careers.

**Strategic Objective 2.6:** Strengthen ICO understanding of how NIH can best address the health research priorities of AI/AN communities.

**Strategic Objective 2.7:** Engage ICO collaborators to expand NIH capacity to support new and existing research with AI/AN communities and groups.
**Goal 3: Expanding Research**

**Strategic Objective 3.1:** Facilitate the increase of AI/AN health and biomedical research-focused applications

**Strategic Objective 3.2:** Support ICO identification of existing research gaps and health disparities, and the development of evidence-based, innovative strategies to address them.

**Strategic Objective 3.3:** Support development of training opportunities across NIH ICOS for AI/ANs in the biomedical research workforce.

**Strategic Objective 3.4:** Collaborate with IC partners to increase research opportunities through funding opportunity announcements (FOAs) with input from RFI solicitations for AI/AN researchers and AI/AN-focused projects.

**Strategic Objective 3.5:** Support the increase of health and biomedical research grant applications from AI/AN health and biomedical researchers and for AI/AN-focused health research.

**Goal 4: Enhancing Cultural Competency and Community Engagement**

**Strategic Objective 4.1:** Increase awareness, knowledge, and sensitivity across NIH ICOs in the following areas:
- AI/AN cultural structures and elements,
- Historical basis of challenges to conducting health research in Native communities, and
- Necessary capacities and skills needed to conduct effective health research in and for AI/AN communities beyond traditional academic training.

**Strategic Objective 4.2:** Work collaboratively across NIH ICOs to enhance active engagement of AI/AN communities in all stages of research:
- Concept development to direct dissemination of findings to the community
- Discussion on implications for indigenous health outcomes, and
- Translation into clinical practice

**Strategic Objective 4.3:** Develop a comprehensive strategy to ensure trust and collaboration between NIH ICOs and AI/AN communities and Tribes.