

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 of 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.