

Policy Title:	Yukon University Centres Policy
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Policy Statement

Yukon University supports the establishment of University Centres in order to advance, enhance and facilitate knowledge creation and sharing in areas of specific relevance to the mandate, mission, and strategic goals of the university. Yukon University recognizes that faculty, students, and partners benefit from the establishment of University Centres, which can strengthen collaborative research, community engagement, and academic activities.

Approval Statement

With the consent of the Governance Committee of the Board and approval of the Board of Governors, this policy is hereby deemed in effect on June 13, 2025



David Morrison
Chair, Board of Governors
Yukon University

June 13, 2025

Date

1. Purpose of Policy

The purpose of this policy is to outline the principles and processes for establishing, governing and reviewing University Centres at or affiliated with Yukon University and to outline the responsibilities of those Centres.

2. Governing Legislation and Relevant Documents

Yukon University Act

3. Scope

- 3.1. This policy applies to all Centres at Yukon University including University Centres affiliated with Yukon University ("University").
- 3.2. Existing University Centres that predate the establishment of this policy must be approved for establishment within two (2) years following the steps outlined in section 4.1 of the Yukon University Centres Procedures.
- 3.3. The term "Centre" may only be used for entities that have been formally established under this policy and its associated procedures.

4. Definitions

- **Financially Sustainable:** a University Centre that has annual revenue that equals or exceeds expenditures and is reasonably assured of maintaining this state in future years. Sustainability may be demonstrated based on past performance and may be achieved through a reduction in expenditures or an increase in revenues. A University Centre that is not financially sustainable may be suspended or discontinued.
- **University Centre ("Centre"):** a formally structured unit within the University, other than a faculty, department or school, established with the purpose of advancing research, scholarly and/or creative activity and/or knowledge transfer. University Centres are expected to provide unique enquiry-based learning opportunities for students and to be actively engaged in relevant academic forums and community outreach. University Centres typically involve faculty and staff from one or more departments or units engaged in dedicated research or scholarly activity.

5. Guiding Principles

University Centres will:

- a. Facilitate and encourage collaborative research, scholarly and/or creative activity and knowledge mobilization aligned with the University's strategic priorities and areas of strength.
- b. Maintain on-going strategic and collaborative relationships with University faculties to foster alignment of research, scholarly and/or creative activities and the academic pursuits of the University.
- c. Advance and support Yukon First Nation research priorities and research leadership in alignment with the University's Reconciliation Framework.
- d. Enable community engagement between the University and the community.
- e. Facilitate the development of partnerships.
- f. Typically involve faculty and staff from one or more departments or units engaged in complementary or collaborative research or scholarly activity.
- g. Establish and maintain an advisory committee.
- h. Be financially sustainable.
- i. Be governed by University policies and procedures, and exist within the University's established governance, reporting and accountability processes.
- j. Provide annual reporting on activities, impact, and financial sustainability to the University.

6. Other Related and/or Accompanying Documents

- Yukon University Centres Procedures BA5.1.
- Yukon University Centres establishment proposal template.
- Criteria for review of Yukon University Centres establishment proposals.

7. Document History

Include all updates here, including non-substantive changes, beginning with formal approval.

<i>Date (Month DD, YYYY)</i>	<i>Update (Approver: change)</i>
June 13, 2025	The Policy and Procedures established by the Board