

# Third Party Sponsorship:

## Working Together on Campus and Off Campus to Support Indigenous Students

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# Wilfrid Laurier University



## Canada's Best Student Experience

Year after year rated #1 in student satisfaction four years in a row!

Tight-knit, supportive community where students can build the Laurier experience they want



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# Indigenous Initiatives at Laurier

**2010**

Hired: Senior Advisor Indigenous Initiatives  
Established Indigenous Education Council (formerly Aboriginal)

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**2011**

Hired: Indigenous Student Support Coordinators  
Opened Indigenous Student Centres  
Hired: Indigenous Student Recruitment and Outreach Officer

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**2020 and  
Beyond**

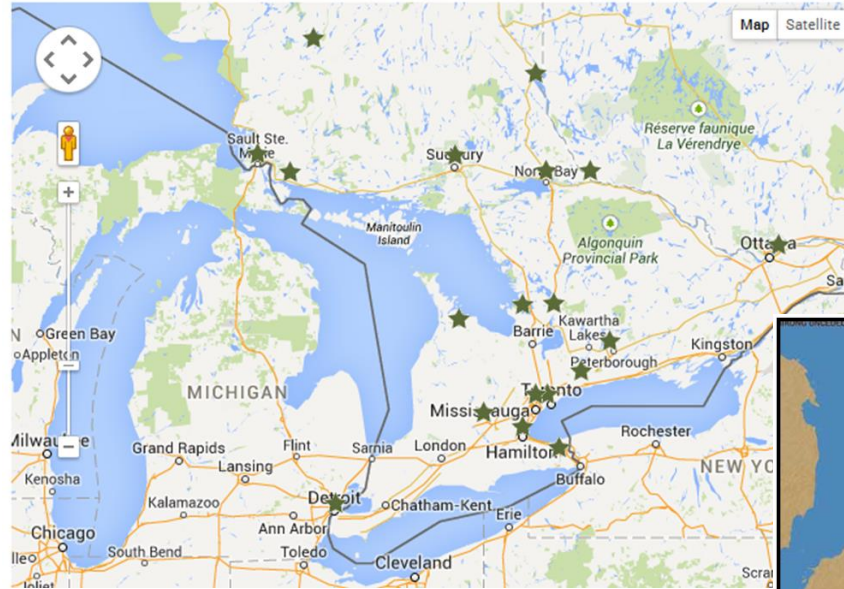
Hiring: Indigenous Counsellor (Fall 2020)  
Hiring: AVP Indigenous Initiatives  
550 FNMI Self-Identified Indigenous Students at Laurier  
Indigenization Strategic Planning Begins  
Newly renovated Indigenous Student Centres

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# Indigenous Students at Laurier

- Within 2.5 hour drive of Laurier's Campuses
  - 11 Métis Nation of Ontario Community committees
  - 18 first nations (132 First Nations in Ontario)



# Indigenous Students at Laurier

## Indigenous Students - Urban vs Reserve

Most Indigenous students  
are from urban centres

A portion of students are  
coming from reserves /  
northern areas

Continually have students  
joining us from other  
provinces

## Indigenous Students - Age and Life Stage

Most incoming  
undergraduates are 101  
entry (from high school)

Some students transfer  
from other institutions and  
colleges (Pathways Programs)

A portion of students are  
mature students pursuing  
education for the first time,  
or continuing

## Indigenous Students - Other Responsibilities

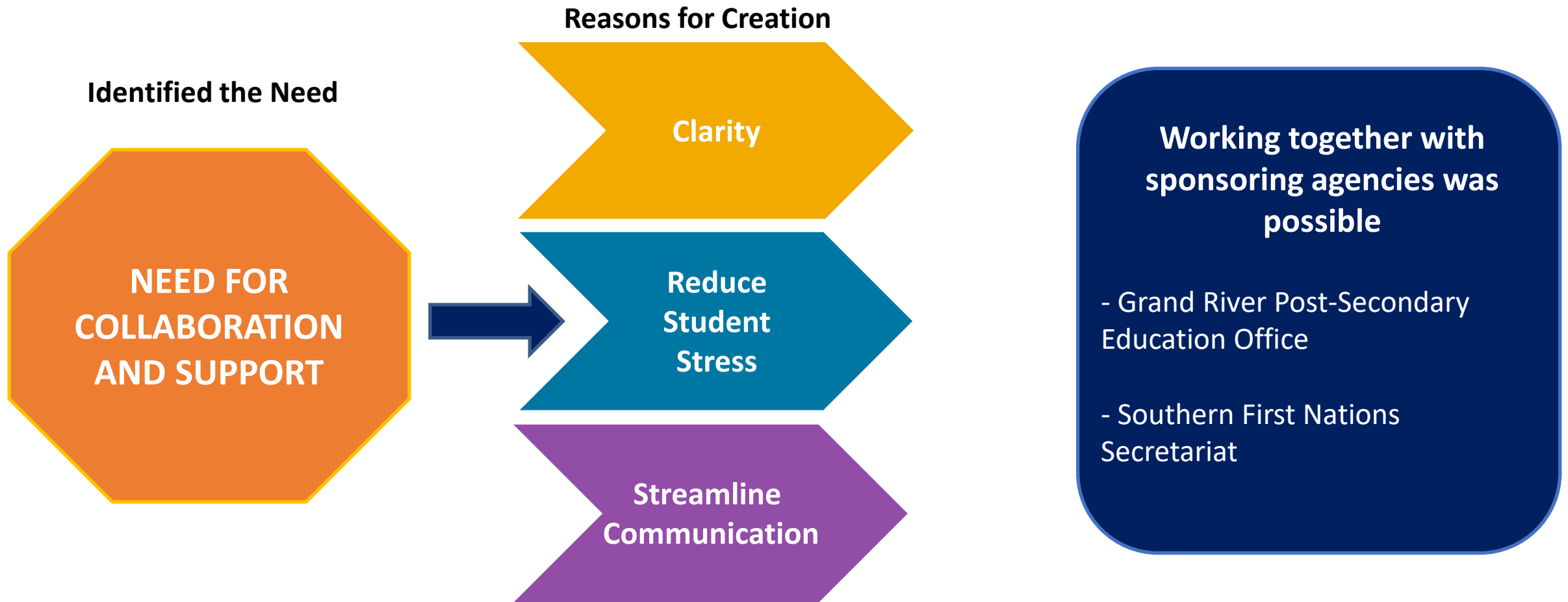
Family / Dependents

Financial / Employment

Community Obligations and  
Accountabilities



# Purpose of Creating the Third-Party Sponsorship Document



# Creating the Third-Party Sponsorship Guide

Time to share the booklet!



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# DISTRIBUTION

## CREATING A LINE OF COMMUNICATION

Students asked to submit  
contact information  
\*trying to get as  
many contacts as possible

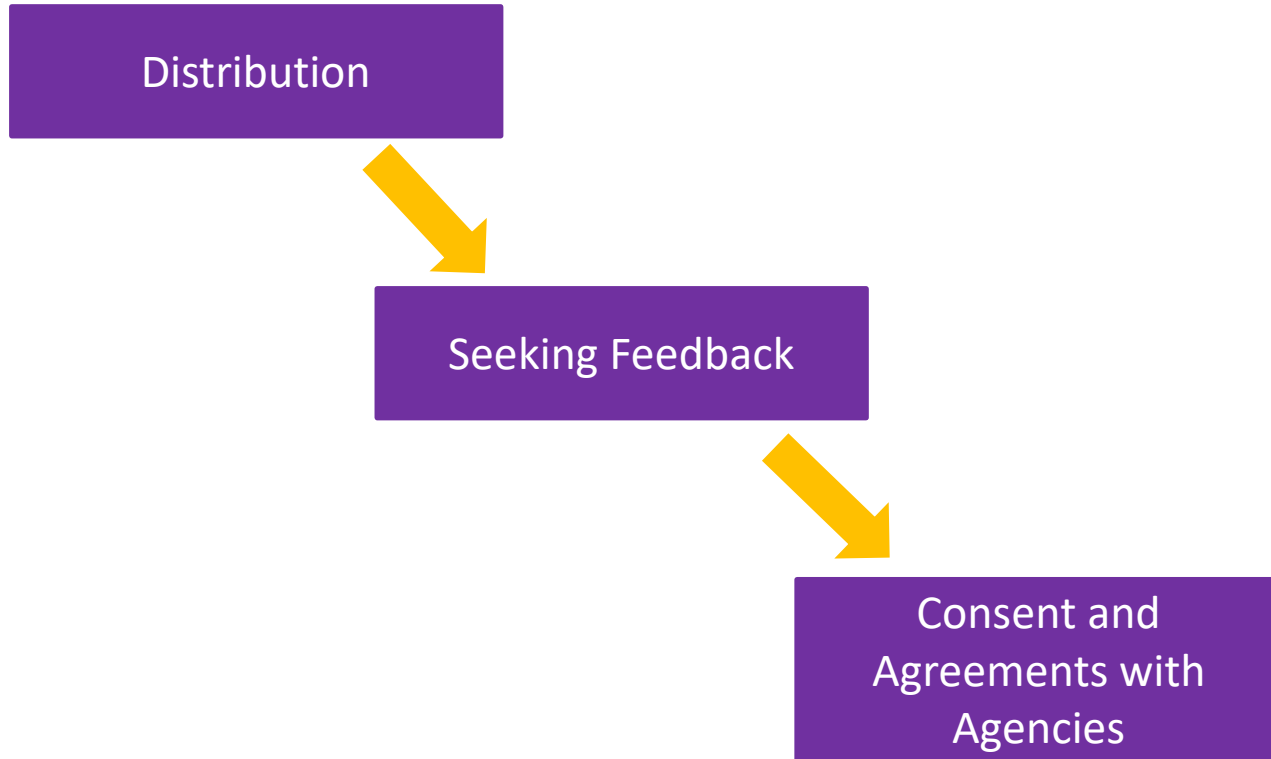
Physical Copy Mailout

Email follow up to all  
contacts with PDF and  
letter from the Director of  
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# Opportunities for Growth



**Focus on Creating Lasting Relationships with Agencies and Communities**

