

Joint Statement of Intent on Advancing the Relationship between Métis Nation–Saskatchewan and the University of Saskatchewan

Métis Nation–Saskatchewan government (“MN-S”) and the University of Saskatchewan (“USask”) affirm their long-standing relationship and shared commitment to advancing it in a more organized, strategic, and meaningful way, grounded in a distinctions-based approach and the constitutional recognition of Métis peoples under section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982.

Signed at Back to Batoche, this Statement reflects the ongoing relationship between Métis Nation–Saskatchewan as a Métis government and the USask as a key public institution located on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis Nation, and marks the parties’ shared intention to advance that relationship through continued dialogue, coordination, and practical action.

The parties recognize that their relationship is already reflected in signed agreements and existing commitments, including the Agreement for Recognizing Métis Nation Citizenship; the Agreement to Establish Distinction-Based Approaches to Research and Planning; and the renewal and continued development of the Johnson Shoyama Chair in Métis Governance and Policy. Together, these efforts reflect the U Sask’s ongoing relationship with Métis Nation–Saskatchewan as a Métis government, and its commitment to distinctions-based, practical, long-term collaboration that supports Métis citizens, research, education, policy engagement, and institutional partnership.

The University of Saskatchewan intends to engage with Métis Nation–Saskatchewan government to inform its ongoing strategic work, including the development of a strategy that reflects the needs, priorities, and future of the province.

Through this Statement, the parties intend to establish a joint planning and coordination table to advance the priorities already reflected in previous agreements and commitments. This table will be guided by the parties’ commitment to foster community-engaged research and coordinate work in ways that recognize the right of Métis peoples to govern themselves, including through research collaboration, training, data governance, capacity building, strategic engagement, the development of a provisional Métis research institute, and other areas identified through ongoing dialogue. This table will also respect academic freedom and the respective responsibilities of both parties to direct and oversee their own academic and research activities.

This Statement of Intent is not legally binding. It does not create a funding obligation, final policy framework, or approval of any future institutional commitment. Any future agreement, data-sharing process, research arrangement, or institutional commitment will be subject to the appropriate Métis Nation–Saskatchewan and U Sask review and approval processes.

By signing this Statement, Métis Nation–Saskatchewan and USask signal their shared commitment to advancing the relationship and creating the table needed for future work.

Signed at Back to Batoche on Friday 17th 2026.

For Métis Nation–Saskatchewan

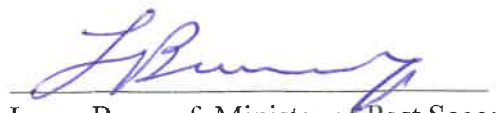


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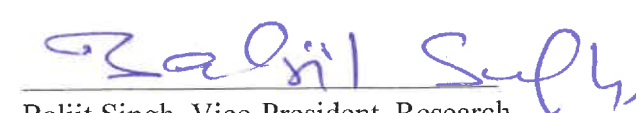
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