CIÉRA’s work focuses on conducting research in partnership with indigenous peoples, sharing experiences among young researchers, and building ties with indigenous communities. CIÉRA events are an excellent networking forum for CIÉRA researchers and our indigenous partners.

CIÉRA is a multidisciplinary centre for Canadian and international indigenous studies. Drawing on the expertise of researchers in social sciences, law, health sciences, forestry, geography, history, and other disciplines, CIÉRA’s projects are characterized not only by collaboration among scientists, but also by direct partnerships with indigenous communities.

CENTRE DESCRIPTION

CIÉRA director: Thierry Rodon, Faculty of Social Sciences

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MISSION

25 researchers 15 research professionals 55 students

STATISTICS AT 1 JUNE 2013
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CIÉRA offers many advantages for young researchers interested in the field of indigenous studies. Not only can students take part in ongoing research projects, they also have ample opportunity to learn to work effectively with indigenous communities, develop research partnerships respectful of indigenous approaches and expectations, share experiences with other students and researchers working in an indigenous context, and capitalize on CIÉRA’s long-standing relationships and partnerships with indigenous organizations. In addition, CIÉRA provides students with opportunities to build ties with indigenous scientific and community networks through events like the CIÉRA annual conference, which is attended by numerous indigenous researchers, leaders, and citizens. The centre also organizes a culture night as part of the conference to familiarize students with Quebec’s contemporary aboriginal artists and allow them to connect with the community in a non-academic setting. And CIÉRA’s annual summer school is an opportunity for undergraduate and graduate students to gain in-depth knowledge of a particular aspect of indigenous studies.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

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