First Nations
Digital Inclusion Guidelines

The First Nations Digital Inclusion Guidelines provide advice to promote inclusive digital development through One Basin CRC projects. The Guidelines aim to enhance digital literacy, ensure equitable access to digital infrastructure, and seed digital-centric economic opportunities for First Nations communities. The First Nations Digital Inclusion Guidelines are designed to target the digital divide faced by First Nations communities, by fostering collaboration, and seeding project-specific opportunities to fully participate in the digital age, benefit from technology and digital services, while preserving and enhancing unique ways of knowing, being and doing.

The key considerations for digital inclusion include:

1. Foster collaboration between project partners and First Nations communities and/ or stakeholders.

2. Leverage resources, expertise, and networks to achieve comprehensive and sustainable digital inclusion outcomes.

3. Support the creation and dissemination of digital content that reflects First Nations cultures, languages, and traditions. This includes developing educational materials, cultural resources, and multimedia content that is relevant and engaging for First Nations audiences.

4. Where relevant, applicable One Basin CRC research projects could design digital initiatives that preserve and promote First Nations languages and traditional knowledge. Develop language learning apps, digital archives, and online platforms for cultural heritage.

5. Support partner organisations and some One Basin CRC research projects to develop and deliver digital literacy training programs tailored to the needs of First Nations communities.

6. Support partner organisations to create pathways for First Nations individuals to enter the digital workforce through apprenticeships, internships, and job placement programs.

7. Facilitate access to, or ownership of digital devices such as computers, tablets, and smartphones for research projects as required, or if required by the One Basin CRC education and training department.

8. Provide in-project or legacy pathways to help First Nations communities acquire and maintain essential technology for educational, economic and essential use.

9. Support One Basin CRC Research projects and/or partner organisations which will provide community-based training centres to provide hands-on digital skills training.

10. Provide funding, mentorship, and resources for First Nations tech startups and entrepreneurs within project utilisation plans where applicable. Encourage the development of First Nations-owned digital businesses and technology solutions that address community needs.

11. Promote the sharing of best practices and successful case studies in digital inclusion. Encourage collaboration and learning across different projects and regions to enhance the effectiveness of digital inclusion efforts.