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To: The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) Bergen 05/03/2025

Short feedback on some comments from CIRNAC

Dear Sir/Madame, We are grateful for you taking time to review our application and for comments we have received in return.

Regarding Training and employment opportunities: we have secured funding for 16 Indigenous students from Inuit Nunangat (in addition to 2 from Kalaalit Nunaat, 1 from Anchorage, >8 from Sápmi) to join the expedition on either leg 1 or leg 2. The students from Inuit Nunangat will be recruited through Memorial University (**please see the invitation letter below, deadline to submit interest is March 11 - please circulate in your communities**). We will also invite 2 elders from Inuit communities to join on one leg each which will be compensated for their teaching efforts, in addition to 2 Sámi elders that will supervise and teach during the cruise. There will be also 2 mentors from the Indigenous People's Secretariat of the Arctic Council joining, one on each leg, to act as mentors for the students.

We have contacted the Hunters and Trappers Associations mentioned regarding their approval of the voyage. However, we have not sent our detailed project description and we have not actively sought consultation. Although several researchers as members of the project have worked or are planning to work with Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit, we have not incorporated this in the project organization level. We acknowledge that this is very important, and to address this, we are working on the following solutions:

- We would like to visit Cambridge Bay, hopefully in April or May, to invite community members to have an exchange about the project, consult with them, and modify the project based on comments and suggestions. There we hope to learn from the experience of community members. We will announce our arrival and plans through the Cambridge Bay Facebook group once this plan is consolidated and circulate the information among several organizations. If we conduct a workshop, travel costs from communities outside of Cambridge Bay will be covered
- Regarding procurement opportunities: we plan to organize an Open Ship day in Cambridge Bay, open for everyone where the community can visit the ship and/or join activities organized by the researchers and students on board. For this event, we would like to hire a local caterer to provide food for everyone. During the crew exchange in Cambridge Bay, we would like to book additional accommodations provided by local community members;
- We are in the process of developing a Sámi co-ownership in the project, which will strengthen the Indigenous perspectives in the undertaking.
- We will hire a community liaison officer in the project, with Inuit or Sámi background, to make sure that Indigenous perspectives are taken care of and to support this strengthening practically.

- We will develop a Data Management Plan which is based on CARE and SixR principles and other indigenous research ethics which you find in the link to Global Indigenous Data Alliance (GIDA) <https://www.gida-global.org/> and in the following Roadmap to decolonial Arctic research: <https://www.europeanpolarboard.org/news-events/news/article/news/roadmap-to-decolonial-arctic-research-a-toolkit-to-support-eu-policymakers/>

We will provide further and regular updates about these processes (should these be sent to the HTC's, to NIRB, or to other/further organizations? How often is a reporting meaningful; once a month?)

Regarding mitigation measures (svar fra Lehmkuhl): We do at all-time have look out on watch, we do have the sea awareness cameras and have planned the route with low average speed, therefore we will be able to reduce speed and wait or reroute the vessel in order to avoid disturbing mammals or wildlife.

We will take the ISR_Cruise_Ship_Management into consideration when planning.

https://irc.inuvialuit.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/ISR_Cruise_Ship_Management.pdf

Invitation letter to the One Ocean course for students from Memorial University (please distribute in communities):

Hello all,

[Memorial University](#), in partnership with [UiT The Arctic University of Norway](#) and [UArctic](#), is inviting expressions of interest from students across the Canadian Membership for the **One Ocean Expedition**. The Expedition involves a great opportunity to be part of an interdisciplinary team learning ocean research, gaining valuable sailing experience, and completing an Arctic-focused, credit course. This unique opportunity has been designed primarily for Masters' students or Doctoral candidates aspiring to become key Arctic researchers. Applicants from Northern regions and Indigenous communities are strongly encouraged to apply, even if at the undergraduate level. Preference may be given to candidates from these backgrounds to support diverse representation and perspectives in Arctic research. Contingent on available funding, up to 16 students will be selected from Canada.

Submit your interest ASAP!

Interest Form Due: March 11, 2025

Interested? What to do next:

- ***If you are a student***, let your faculty supervisor and/or professor know you are interested. They can reach out to Lisa Goulet (UArctic Membership Engagement Coordinator) at the Harris Centre for more details and to confirm eligibility: lgoulet@mun.ca
- ***If you are a staff or faculty member and have students who are interested***, you are encouraged to contact [Lisa Goulet](#) for the available supports to help your students with this experience.
- In the meantime, students can fill out this short [Interest Form](#).
- Attend the Mandatory Information Session: March 12th, 2025 at 1:30 PM NST

About the Course

This interdisciplinary program explores the future of the Arctic through futures-thinking, peer collaboration, and the development of sustainable solutions to Arctic challenges (course credit subject to institutional approval). The **Arctic Future Pathfinders** course will be delivered aboard the Norwegian tall ship **Statsraad Lehmkuhl** as it journeys through the Northwest Passage. Students must indicate their preferred leg of the expedition:

- **Leg 1:** Nuuk, Greenland to Cambridge Bay, Canada (Approx. August 5 – August 29, 2025 exact dates TBD)

- **Leg 2:** Cambridge Bay, Canada to Anchorage, US (Approx. September 2 – October 4, 2025 exact dates TBD)

What's Required

- Travel, food, and course participation costs will be covered.
- Students are responsible for obtaining necessary visas (Greenland and USA), additional insurance, and personal equipment ([see FAQ for details](#)).
- A medical certificate from a certified seafarer's doctor is required.

Onboard Experience

- **Living arrangements:** Communal living with all participants sleeping in hammocks in a shared space.
- **Daily routine:** Physical work, watch duties, and active participation in sailing operations.
- **Limited resources:** Water use is restricted; showers will be brief. Sleep averages 7 hours per night.
- **Connectivity:** Internet and mobile access intermittently available - may be unavailable for extensive periods.
- **Sea conditions:** Seasickness is possible; students should prepare accordingly.
- **Learning environment:** Hands-on research and outreach activities in a collaborative setting.

For full details, including required equipment, refer to the **FAQ:** <https://en.uit.no/one-ocean/faq> or visit <https://www.mun.ca/uarctic/about/one-ocean-expedition/>

This is a very challenging but rewarding opportunity to contribute to Arctic research while embarking on a once-in-a-lifetime expedition!

Important Notice: Expedition participation is subject to securing the necessary permits and approvals. The university reserves the right to modify or cancel if needed.