

Principles for Conducting Research in the Arctic: Process and Product of Creating Interagency Ethical Research Guidelines

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Principles

Researchers working in the Arctic have a responsibility to respect local culture and knowledge and advance stewardship of the Arctic environment. The original principles, released in 1990, have been revised to strengthen guidelines for the conduct of research, to better align with U.S. Arctic policy, to incorporate the latest advances in research methods, and to reflect expanded research efforts and disciplinary breadth in a rapidly changing Arctic.

The core Principles for Conducting Research in the Arctic are:

- Be Accountable**
- Establish Effective Communication**
- Respect Indigenous Knowledge and Cultures**
- Build and Sustain Relationships**
- Pursue Responsible Environmental Stewardship**

Process

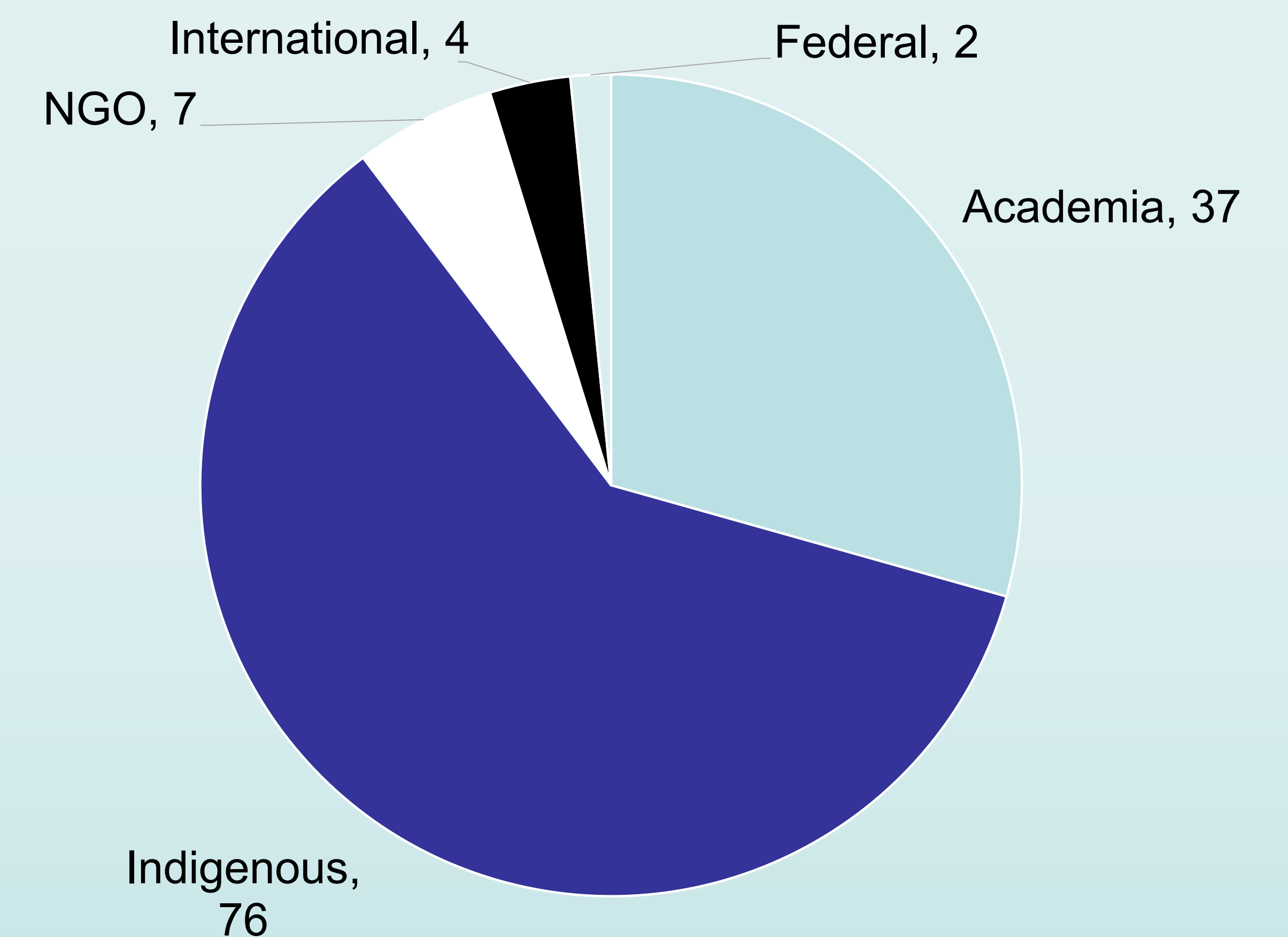
A U.S. Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee (IARPC) Principles Revision Working Group prepared the Principles after seeking and receiving diverse input from Federal, State, and local agency representatives, Alaska Native people and organizations, academic organizations and individual researchers through outreach efforts, listening sessions, and two Federal Register open comment periods. See pie charts (right) and timeline (below).

Implementation and Future Use

The audience for these Principles includes federally sponsored researchers and other stakeholders conducting or sponsoring research in the Arctic. They will be included in future IARPC documents and will be reviewed every five years.

Each agency should determine how best to implement the Principles. Examples of places where the Principles document can be included to inform researchers include Requests for proposals, grant terms and conditions, and position descriptions.

Comments by Respondent Type



Further Resources

(available at <https://www.iarpcollaborations.org/principles.html>)

- The full *Principles for Conducting Research in the Arctic*
- Review the previous *Principles for the Conduct of Research in the Arctic (1990)*
- Timeline of the Process for Revising the *Principles for Conducting Research in the Arctic 2018*
- Print a flyer
- Bibliography of works used to write the Principles
- Comments on the draft versions of the revised Principles
- Download the outreach video
- DRAFT Principles Released on the Federal Register for Comment on July 5th, 2018

Timeline for the Process of Revising the Principles for Conducting Research in the Arctic 2018

IARPC Staff Group establishes the Principles Revision Working Group

Federal Register notice goes out to request comment on the 1990 version

Federal Register notice goes out to request comment on the revised Principles

Dissemination



Summer 2017

Fall 2017

Winter 2017-2018

Spring 2018

Summer 2018

Fall 2018

Winter 2018