

# From Harvest to House

The “From Harvest to House” Program bridges academics from University of Toronto and Toronto Metropolitan University with a network of roughly 10 First Nations communities as well as Provincial and Territorial government agencies, Tribal Councils, and private organizations dedicated to co-developing solutions towards sustainable and equitable Indigenous housing. As a multidisciplinary team comprising First Nations housing advocates and academics, we are committed to supporting initiatives that improve housing across Canada.



## Project Aims:

- Support communities in understanding their unique housing challenges and connecting resources to improve housing
- Explore policy, social, and technical barriers to healthy, sustainable housing on- and off-reserve
- Integrate holistic approach to housing, considering building science, well-being, education, economic opportunities, and policy

## Initiatives:

- Community-engaged housing-focused workshops exploring sustainability, health, equity and critical successes and challenges on-reserve
- Focused housing assessments to understand current conditions
  - Indoor environmental quality testing - Airborne contaminants, presence of mould, thermal conditions, radon risks
  - Building condition assessment - envelope, mechanical, service systems
- Development of tailored community-specific housing maintenance guides
- Exploring opportunities to integrate cultural factors into housing design and operations



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