RDI — RURAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

The Team

- ⭐ 2 Faculty
- ⭐ 9 Graduate Student and Post-Graduate Researchers
- ⭐ 2 Undergraduate Researchers

Partnerships

RDI has conducted research and project work with **16 communities** throughout 2024

Throughout 2023, RDI worked to build connections across Canada and beyond!

There were many conversations with individuals holding various positionalities, resulting in research and project collaboration throughout 2024 – this past year, RDI worked with:

- ⭐ **11 amazing on-campus partners**
- ⭐ **12 off campus partners in Manitoba & Canada**

And numerous partners from:

- ⭐ **3 countries - Brazil, Ghana, and Scotland**

In addition to collaborating with these partners, RDI has also hosted:

- ⭐ **3 international rural researchers**, and provided
- ⭐ **10 Letters of Support** to national and international researchers and practitioners!

8 On-Going Projects

- ⭐ Connected MB
- ⭐ Rural Capacity Building
- ⭐ Climate Change Initiative
- ⭐ The Immigration Initiative
- ⭐ Accommodations in Manitoba
- ⭐ Newcomer Integration through Community Engagement
- ⭐ Co-Creating a Community of Well-Being Framework
- ⭐ BCDI: 2030 Scholarship Program

Funding Successes

This year, RDI successfully secured

$199,225

in funding for **RDI** and **Brandon University** through **6 different applications**

$820,000

of funding is pending from **7 other applications** submitted in 2024

7 RDI Events

- ⭐ 2 Winter 101: Student Info Nights
- ⭐ 2 Department of Rural Development Student Receptions
- ⭐ Presenting in two 2024 Homecoming events
- ⭐ Hosting and supporting 2 public talks

Training & Team Development

7 Training Opportunities

- ⭐ CIHR Understanding Bias
- ⭐ CIHR Sex & Gender in Primary Data Collection training
- ⭐ Global Affairs Canada Gender Sensitivity Training
- ⭐ Re-Inventing our Small Rural Towns: Lessons from Downunder
- ⭐ Building an Experience: An Introduction to Experiential Tourism
- ⭐ Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, Decolonization and Reconciliation training
- ⭐ Myers Briggs Type Indicator: Appreciating Different Approaches at Work Workshop

6 RDI Staff Members

Knowledge Mobilization

Published Works

- ⭐ 1 Book Chapter: The State of Rural Canada 5
- ⭐ 1 Journal Article: Digital Rural Research Framework to Journal of Community Development

Publications in Review

- ⭐ 1 Book Chapter: To Prompt or Not to Prompt: Using AI to generate community engagement plans for resource projects
- ⭐ Two Journal Articles:
  1. Recognizing Prior Learning in the context of Rural Community Economic Development;
  2. Sisyphus's Broadband: Exploring models of rural community participation in digital infrastructure and connectivity

2 Research Briefs

1. RDI members created the Immigration in Manitoba Research Brief
2. RDI members graphically formatted the Older Refuge Youth with Interrupted Schooling: The View from Small Communities in Manitoba, Canada

13 eNewsletters
sent to 2000 contacts

- ⭐ 7 Partnership Highlights
- ⭐ 5 Project Overviews and Shared Initiatives
- ⭐ 11 Highlighting Rural Researchers

14 Presentations

5 Fact Sheets & Brochures

13 Blogs

10 Highlights for the BCDI: 2030 Team