



COSMOVISIONS OF THE PACIFIC

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Advancing collaboration with integrity by bringing together Indigenous and non-Indigenous persons interested in co-creating across cultures.

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ABOUT COSMOVISIONS OF THE PACIFIC

In January 2023, thanks to support from the Heising-Simons Foundation, we held a small pilot program (Cosmovisions Phase I) at Northwest Indian College north of Seattle. The gathering included 30 Indigenous and non-Indigenous researchers, educators, students and knowledge holders to explore the concept of Cosmovisions and collaboration with integrity.

Examples of major ideas that emerged during the pilot gathering event include:

- We need more advocates that are trained in best practices in Indigenous-non-Indigenous collaboration,
- Indigenous persons often feel a deep-seated trauma from threat of losing their culture, language, etc., and this must be recognized/addressed as we build relationships.
- When addressing questions/problems, non-Indigenous persons tend to begin breaking down the problem into pieces and planning step-by-step solutions, whereas Indigenous knowledge holders tend to begin by asking the question, “How does this impact my culture, language, etc.”





COSMOVISIONS PHASE II

The next step is to take what we've learned in Phase I and further develop the initiative; with Phase II including about 80 Indigenous and non-Indigenous persons interested in establishing a more formal Cosmovisions network of collaborators.



These and other findings from Phase I will continue to be explored in Cosmovisions Phase II. Cosmovisions Phase II is planned to take place January 26-28, 2025 at the Kahalu'u ma Kai in Kona in Hawaii. Kahalu'u ma Kai is a cultural and educational space that is also the home of several Heiau, or temples/spiritual sites.



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