

Financial Aid Support for Indigenous Student at the University of Toronto

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Financial Aid

Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP)

You must be enrolled in full-time studies (60% or more of a full course load. If you have a disability, you may be considered a full-time student if you're taking at least 40% of a full course load).

[Learn more about Ontario Student Assistance Program \(OSAP\).](#)

Band Funding

Contact your Band's Education Office/Coordinator to inquire about funding to support post-secondary education.



University of Toronto Advanced Planning for Students (UTAPS)

University of Toronto financial aid programs fill the financial gap for full-time students who receive the maximum amount of government financial aid available, but whose funding doesn't cover all university costs. [UTAPS](#) funding varies depending on student need. Must be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident or protected person (recognized convention refugee); enrolled full-time in an eligible program; eligible for Canadian government financial aid, such as OSAP or First Nations band funding.

Submit application before November 1st or February 1st annually

Ontario Indigenous Travel Grant

Students can submit their application for the [Ontario Indigenous Travel Grant](#) to Enrolment Services and may receive funding for up to four one-way trips for themselves, or two one-way trips per person if they are relocating with their spouse and/or children. Student can provide receipts after the trip and get reimbursement, or they can provide proof of their costs in advance, receive the funding and then provide receipts after the trip is complete. To be eligible, students must:

- Self-identify as being an Indigenous person on their OSAP profile.
- Live in a remote First Nations community (designated as Zone 3 or Zone 4 by Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada – similarly remote or fly-in communities not designated may be considered on a case by case basis).
- Student has qualified for OSAP with a provincial financial need of at least \$1.

Indspire

[Indspire](#) is an organization that offers financial awards to First Nations (status and non-status), Inuit and Métis students through four programs: the Fine Arts Bursary Awards, the Post-Secondary Education Bursary Awards, The Aboriginal Health Careers, the Oil and Gas Trades and Technology Bursary and Scholarships, the Ontario Federation of Indian Friendship Centres "Strong Women" Scholarship, the George Blondin Aboriginal Scholarship, and the Louise Moran – National Media Scholarship.

Application deadline(s): August 1st; November 1st; February 1st annually

Métis Nation of Ontario Bursary

To be awarded to Métis students registered and enrolled at the University of Toronto who demonstrate financial need. Both applications must be completed and submitted by deadline.

Application currently unavailable.

Undergraduate Awards and Bursaries

The President's Award for the Outstanding Indigenous Student of the Year

The [President's Award](#) will be given to an Indigenous student (First Nations Status, Non-Status, Métis, and Inuit). The recipient will be selected on the basis of academic achievement, and previous and/or intended contribution to the Indigenous community. Student must be studying full-time and involved in course work.

Deadline for submission of completed application and supporting documents is June 1st annually

Dr. Lillian McGregor Indigenous Award of Excellence and the Marilyn Van Norman Indigenous Student Leadership Award

This [award](#) is for Indigenous students studying full/part-time at the University of Toronto on the basis of financial need and Ontario residency. Preference will be given to applicants who can demonstrate a contribution to the Indigenous community through volunteerism and involvement with First Nations House and/or an Indigenous Student Group at U of T (i.e. Native Students Association - NSA, Indigenous Studies Student Union - ISSU, Indigenous Education Network - IEN, Supporting Aboriginal Graduate Enhancement - SAGE and/or Indigenous Law Students Association - ILSA). Students will be considered for both awards.

Deadline for submission of completed application and supporting documents is February 1st annually

Admissions Scholarship Bennett Scholars

The [Admissions Scholarship Bennett Scholars](#) is awarded to full time Indigenous undergraduate students or whose parents did not attend University or College on the basis of financial need. Recipients must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents; entering any first-entry program at the University of Toronto; minimum admission average of 92%.

Rosalind Murray Bradford Scholarship

The [Rosalind Murray Bradford Scholarship](#) is awarded to an undergraduate Indigenous student entering his/her second, third, or fourth year of study. To be eligible, the student must be registered in an undergraduate program and have obtained at least second class honour standing in his/her previous year. Financial status may be considered. Supporting documentation required (see full award profile).

Application deadline: November 1st annually



First Nations House Bursary / Indigenous Students Bursary

Available to all Indigenous students studying full-time and part-time at the undergrad, graduate or professional level. Bursaries are based on financial need. Make an appointment with the Coordinator of Academic Supports for information on eligibility and application(s).

Available: November 1st – March 31st (Emergency assistance may be available outside these dates).

Bennett Scholars Bursary

The [Bennett Scholars Bursary](#) is awarded to Indigenous, full time, undergraduate students on the basis of financial need. Recipients must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents. Completed application form along with supporting documentation can be submitted to the Coordinator of Academic Supports at First Nations House, or submitted via email to awards.uoft@utoronto.ca or via mailed to: Scholarships and Awards
Enrolment Services, 172 St. George St., Toronto, ON M5R 0A3.

Deadline: November 1st annually

Undergraduate awards by college or discipline

Edward and Dorothy Dawson Award for Indigenous Students - Science

Preference on [this award](#) will be given to Indigenous students enrolled in any science-related discipline on the basis of financial need. If no suitable candidates can be found, consideration will be given to Indigenous students in any discipline on the basis of financial need.

Deadline: February 1st annually

Tom Mitchinson and David Connolly Award – Woodsworth College

This scholarship is awarded to an outstanding first-year Woodsworth College student who is of Indigenous background and is studying full-time in the social sciences or humanities. Recipients must have been identified as having financial need, be Ontario residents and not be receiving band funding.

This award is renewable for four years contingent on the student enrolling full-time and maintaining a grade-point average of 3.0 until graduation.

General Motors Scholarships/Grants – Victoria College

Open to Indigenous Students Registered at Victoria College, University of Toronto. To be awarded to students of Indigenous Ancestry who have completed first, second or third year with high standing (GPA 3.30+). Financial need must be demonstrated. For more information, contact the Victoria College Registrar at vic.awards@utoronto.ca.

The Savan Award – Transitional Year Programme

Open to Indigenous students enrolled in the Transitional Year Programme. Students must be in good academic standing, demonstrate financial need and will be continuing with their academic studies at the University of Toronto.

Charlotte Carter Memorial Scholarship

Full time Indigenous student (First Nations Status, Non-Status, Inuit or Métis) enrolled in the 2nd year of a B.Sc in Nursing program, min. GPA of 3.0

Deadline: Currently unavailable

Evelyn Florence and William Leonard Prideaux Award - Science, Architecture or Wycliffe

The [Prideaux Award](#) is given to a Canadian Inuit or Indigenous student from the North West Territories or Moosonee area who is entering or registered in the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering, Architecture Programs in the Faculty of Arts & Science or Wycliffe College. To be awarded to a student who is a member of Scouts Canada, on the basis of scouting service and experience.

The Victoria Annual Fund Award (no application required)

[Victoria College Admission Scholarships](#) (automatically considered, students must select Victoria College as their first choice on their OUAC Application). Valued at \$5,000/ year. Renewable based on maintaining good academic performance.

The General Motors Admission Award I (no application required)

[Victoria College Admission Scholarships](#) (automatically considered, students must select Victoria College as their first choice on their OUAC Application). Valued at \$3,000/ year. Renewable based on maintaining good academic performance

The General Motors Bursary for Indigenous Students

Victoria College offers extensive [financial assistance and scholarship opportunities](#) for new students, continuing students and graduating students. Amount varies based on financial need.

Application deadline(s): November 1st and February 1st annually

The Member of the Class of 1935 Bursary

Victoria College offers extensive [financial assistance and scholarship opportunities](#) for new students, continuing students and graduating students. Amount varies based on financial need, preference given to Indigenous students.

Application deadline(s): November 1st and February 1st annually

Graduate awards and bursaries

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Deadline for submission of completed application and supporting documents is February 1st

[Find out more about the Dr. Lillian McGregor Aboriginal Award of Excellence and the Marilyn Van Norman Aboriginal Student Leadership Award.](#)

Gladys Watson Aboriginal Education Award

[To be awarded](#) to Indigenous students (First Nations, Status, Non-Status, Métis and Inuit) enrolled in graduate programs at the master's or doctoral level, and second-entry professional programs. All Indigenous students in these programs are eligible to apply, full-time and part-time, with preference given to those students who demonstrate financial need.

Application deadline: November 1st annually

SGS Indigenous Graduate Travel Award:

The [SGS Indigenous Graduate Travel Award](#) provides financial assistance to U of T Indigenous graduate students to participate in educational and experiential learning in Canada or abroad in activities specifically focused on Indigenous student or education issues. Possible activities include Indigenous-focused events, workshops, meetings, field trips, competitions, and other educational-related activities off campus approved by the Supporting Aboriginal Graduate Enhancement (SAGE) group or the Centre for Indigenous Studies at the University of Toronto. Contact SAGE or check SGS website for fall and winter deadlines: sage@utoronto.ca.

Bennett Scholars Bursary

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Enrolment Services, 172 St. George St., Toronto, ON M5R 0A3.

Deadline: November 1st annually

Graduate Awards by Subject or Professional faculty

City of Toronto Scholarships for Indigenous Students Studying in Health Professions

These [scholarships](#) will be awarded to Indigenous students studying in any of the health professional programs, undergraduate or graduate, on the basis of financial need, academic merit and demonstrated community leadership skills.

Application deadline: November 1st annually

Indigenous Scholarship for OISE Students

The scholarship, with a value of \$12,000, will be awarded annually to an Indigenous student who will be registered on a full-time basis in a graduate degree program at OISE. This award is open to all Indigenous candidates (Inuit, status or non-status First Nation, Métis) at OISE with preference given to new applicants. The recipient will be selected on the basis of academic merit and previous and intended contributions to his/her community.

[Apply for the Indigenous Scholarship for OISE Students](#)

Grace Buller Aboriginal Student Scholarship (Ontario Library Association)

Open to Indigenous students who are enrolled in the Master of Information program. It is open to all Indigenous candidates (First Nations Status, Non-Status, Métis, or Inuit). This award is based on academic merit. Previous and intended contributions to his/her community will be considered with preference given to new applicants. The value of the award is \$8000 - \$10,000.

[Apply for the Grace Buller Aboriginal Student Scholarship](#)

Colonel F.A. Tilston Admission Scholarship - Faculty of Pharmacy



The late Colonel F.A. Tilston established admission scholarships for students entering First Year Pharmacy, with the highest admission index, and who have not won an admission award of greater value. One of these scholarships will be awarded to an Indigenous student. Colonel Tilston was a 1929 Pharmacy graduate and retired president and chief executive officer of Sterling Drug Ltd. He was the first University of Toronto graduate (and the 9th Canadian) to win the Victoria Cross, the highest Commonwealth award of wartime honour, in World War II.

For more information, contact the Faculty of Pharmacy at 416-978-2889.

The June Callwood Programme for Indigenous Law Students – Faculty of Law

Operated by Pro Bono Students Canada (PBSC), the June Callwood Program in Indigenous Law provides up to two summer fellowships of \$10,000 each for law students to work with community organizations on Indigenous legal issues.

For more information, contact PBSC at 416-946-0143 or by email at probono.students@utoronto.ca

Roman Paduch Scholarship Fund – Faculty of Law or Medicine

To be awarded to one or more Indigenous student(s) on admission to the Faculty of Law and/or the Faculty of Medicine. Student(s) will be considered on the basis of financial need and demonstrated contribution, commitment and interest in the Indigenous community. For information, [contact First Nations House](#)

Wilson G. Harron Trust for Indigenous Students studying Dentistry

This [award](#) is open to Canadian Indigenous students (First Nations Status, Non-Status, Métis Inuit, as defined by the Federal Government) entering or attending an undergraduate, graduate or postgraduate program in the Faculty of Dentistry, and is to assist with the costs incurred in dental education not covered by federal grants to Indigenous students. Renewal of the award for the duration of the program is dependent on maintenance of satisfactory standing. Up to four awards will be made each year.

The Chung Canadian Indigenous Award at the Rotman School of Management

This [award](#) will be given to an in-coming or in-program Rotman Commerce student or a Full-Time or Morning and Evening MBA student who is of Canadian Indigenous ancestry (First Nations, Status, Non-Status, Métis, Inuit) on the basis of academic achievement and financial need. Preference given to students with demonstrated leadership or community involvement.



Faculty of Social Work-Chancellor Rose Wolf Scholarship for Social Work

One [award](#) to a registered M.S.W. or Ph. D. Indigenous student based on proven scholastic ability. Financial need may be a consideration.

The Jean Avon Shek Scholarship

The [Jean Avon Shek Scholarship](#) is awarded to a MSW or PhD student on the basis of financial need and demonstrated academic achievement at the Faculty of Social Work. Preference to be given to an Indigenous student in community practice or to a student from Africa, Asia, or Latin America.

Beutel, Melvihill, Rodgers Indigenous Scholarships

To be [awarded](#) to Indigenous students registered in the M.S.W. Program at the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work, on the basis of financial need. This award is intended for students in the Advanced Aboriginal Practice Initiative Program (AAPI).

Ridgewood Aboriginal Scholarship

The [Ridgewood Aboriginal Scholarship](#) is awarded to an Indigenous student(s) or a student(s) working with Indigenous Communities who is registered in the MSW or PhD Program at the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work.

The Barbara Greene Award

The [Barbara Greene Award](#) is for a full-time M.S.W. or PhD student at the Faculty of Social Work on the basis of financial need and demonstrated academic achievement. Preference will be given to an Indigenous student(s).

The Chung Canadian Indigenous Award at the Rotman School of Management

This [award](#) will be given to an in-coming or in-program Rotman Commerce student, or a full-time, or morning and evening MBA Indigenous (First Nations, Status, Non-Status Métis, Inuit) student on the basis of academic achievement and financial need. Preference given to students with demonstrated leadership or community involvement.

External Awards and Bursaries

Indigenous Affairs & Northern Development Canada – Indigenous Bursaries

The [Indigenous Bursary Search Tool](#) is a searchable list of more than 750 bursaries, scholarships, and incentives across Canada offered by governments, universities and colleges, private and public companies, individual Canadians, organizations and others.

Miziwe Biik Post-Secondary & Apprenticeships Bursaries

In order to apply for the [Miziwe Biik Bursaries](#), students must be First Nation, Métis, or Inuit, a resident of the Greater Toronto Area, must be a current student in a post-secondary accredited institution or proof of enrollment for next year. Submit original application package with supporting documents to Miziwe Biik Aboriginal Employment & Training, 167 Gerrard Street East, Toronto, ON M5A 2E4.

Canada Post Aboriginal Incentive Award

All Indigenous Canadians (First Nations, Métis, and Inuit) who have resumed studies after a minimum of twelve months out of school and who have completed one full year of studies are eligible to apply for the [Canada Post Aboriginal Incentive Award](#).

Rose Nolan Memorial Scholarship

Canadian Indigenous women member of a first nation community in Canada. It was established to recognize Indigenous First Nations Women who are achieving their educational and training goals while maintaining strong community involvement.

[Visit the Rose Nolan Memorial website to apply](#)

TransCanada Indigenous Legacy Scholarship

The [TransCanada Indigenous Legacy Scholarship](#) is offered on an annual basis to up to 50 students from communities across our Canadian and American footprint. Each scholarship is worth \$5,000 and is offered to First Nations, Métis, Inuit and Native American students pursuing any full-time, post-secondary program at a registered education institute. Recipients are encouraged to apply to receive the scholarship on an annual basis, assuming satisfactory academic standing.

Kathleen Blinkhorn Aboriginal Student Scholarship

Since 2010, The Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association (ONPHA) has awarded the [Kathleen Blinkhorn Aboriginal Student Scholarship](#) to a selection of deserving Indigenous students living in non-profit housing in Ontario. The scholarship provides each student with \$1,000 to support the costs of their post-secondary education. This year, with the generous support of Union Gas, ONPHA is excited to be able to double our support from 5 to 10 Indigenous students. Please visit the scholarship webpage for more information and application form. Applications are accepted by email, mail or fax until mid-June annually (check link for exact date).

Husky Energy's Scholarship Program for Indigenous Students

Focused on attracting Indigenous talent to the oil and gas industry, [this program](#) provides financial support to students with outstanding academic achievement and connects them with relevant work experience through co-op and summer work terms along with professional development through a mentorship program. There are three scholarships valued at \$5,000 CAD for the bachelor level and two scholarships valued at \$3,500 CAD for the diploma level.

Application deadline: End of May annually