

# Financial Aid Support for Indigenous Students at U of T

*Updated for 2021-2022*

## **Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP)**

Must be enrolled in full-time studies (60% or more of a full course load. If you are registered with Accessibility Services, you may be considered a full-time student if you are 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)**

This financial aid program aims to fill the financial gap for full-time students who receive the maximum amount of government financial aid available, but whose funding does not 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. Application due November 1 or February 1 annually.

[Learn more about University of Toronto Advanced Planning for Students \(UTAPS\).](#)

## **Ontario Indigenous Travel Grant**

Students may receive funding for up to four one-way trips for themselves, or two one-way trips per person if relocating with 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. Application must be received no later than 60 days before the end of your study period. To be eligible, students must:

- Self-identify as 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).
- Qualified for OSAP with a provincial financial need of at least \$1.

[Learn more about the Ontario Indigenous Travel Grant.](#)

## **Undergraduate awards and bursaries**

### **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 1 – March 31 (emergency assistance may be available outside these dates).

### **Bennett Scholars Bursary**

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 via email to [awards.uoft@utoronto.ca](mailto:awards.uoft@utoronto.ca). Application due November 1<sup>st</sup> annually.

[Learn more about the Bennett Scholars Bursary.](#)

### **The Gertrude Elgin Robson Scholarship for Indigenous Students**

To be awarded to full-time Indigenous Students. Preference shall be given to students who demonstrate financial need and who are associated with First Nations House. Application due November 1 annually.

[Learn more about the Gertrude Elgin Robson Scholarship for Indigenous Students.](#)

### **Rosalind Murray Bradford Scholarship**

To be 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 due November 1 annually.

[Learn more about the Rosalind Murray Bradford Scholarship.](#)

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

To be awarded to Indigenous students studying full/part-time 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. Indigenous Students Association - ISA, 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. Due date for submission of application and supporting documents is February 1 annually.

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

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

The 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. Due date for submission of application and supporting documents is June 1 annually.

[Learn more about the President's Award for the Outstanding Indigenous Student of the Year.](#)

**Métis Nations of Ontario Bursary**

The Metis Nation of Ontario Bursary is for Indigenous students who are residents of Ontario, and intended to cover unmet educational costs based on financial need. It is not re-payable and is considered taxable income.

[Learn more about the Métis Nations of Ontario Bursary.](#)

**APUS Indigenous Student Bursary**

Awarded on basis of financial need to Indigenous students enrolled in undergraduate programs on a part-time basis. All recipients must have completed at least one course at U of T achieving satisfactory academic standing (1.7 GPA min.). Preference given to students who have completed a majority of their credits on a part-time basis. Application due October and January annually.

[Learn more about the APUS Indigenous Student Bursary.](#)

## Undergraduate awards by discipline or college

**Edward and Dorothy Dawson Award for Indigenous Students – Science**

Preference given to Indigenous students enrolled in any science-related discipline on the basis of financial need. If no suitable candidates are found, consideration will be given to Indigenous students in any discipline on the basis of financial need. Due date February 1 annually.

[Learn more about the Edward and Dorothy Dawson Award for Indigenous Students – Science.](#)

**James Hopkins Aboriginal Law Fund – Law**

To be awarded annually to an Indigenous law student enrolled in the J.D. programme at the Faculty of Law, on the basis of financial need. No application required.

**John Richard Luke Engineering Scholarship for Women**

To be awarded to an undergraduate female student in Engineering with a demonstrated interest in healthcare engineering. This interest can be demonstrated in many ways, such as but not limited to, pursuing a major in Biomedical Engineering Systems, a minor in Bioengineering or other demonstrated involvement related to healthcare. First preference will be given to Indigenous or Black students. Academic merit also considered.

**Indigenous Student Ambassadors Grant – Engineering**

The NSERC Indigenous Student Ambassadors (NISA) grant aims to engage Indigenous students in promoting interest and participation in the natural sciences and engineering (NSE) by visiting Indigenous communities and schools and sharing their research and education experiences or participating in science promotion events and activities. The grant will cover costs associated with the proposed NSE promotion activity and Indigenous community or school visit.

[Learn more about the Indigenous Student Ambassadors Grant – Engineering.](#)

**William Buttmer Entrance Scholarship – Faculty of Applied Science & Engineering**

Awarded to an academically strong student entering any undergraduate program in the Faculty with a goal to enhance diversity (female, Indigenous student). No application required.

**City of Toronto Scholarships for Aboriginal Students Studying in Health Professions**

The scholarships will be awarded to Indigenous students studying in any of the health professional programs, undergraduate or graduate, on basis of financial need, academic merit and demonstrated community leadership skills. Application due November 1 annually.

[Learn more about City of Toronto Scholarships for Aboriginal Students Studying in Health Professions.](#)

**Dr. Robert William Hudson Memorial Award – Medicine**

Awarded to an undergraduate medical student enrolled in the Undergraduate Medical Education program, who demonstrates an interest in endocrinology on their award application. Preference will be given to Indigenous or Black students. Based on academic merit, with secondary consideration based on financial need. Applications will be available in November.

[Learn more about the Dr. Robert William Hudson Memorial Award – Medicine.](#)

**Wilson G. Harron Award for Aboriginal Students – Faculty of Dentistry**

This award is open to Indigenous students (First Nations Status, Non-Status, Metis and Inuit) 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. 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. No application required.

**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. Contact TYP at [typ.info@utoronto.ca](mailto:typ.info@utoronto.ca) for more information.

**Tom Mitchinson and David Connolly Award – Woodsworth College**

This scholarship is awarded to an outstanding first-year Woodsworth College Indigenous student and is studying full-time in the social sciences or humanities. Recipients must identify 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.

**Principal Joseph R. Desloges Legacy Scholarship – Woodsworth College**

To be awarded to an Indigenous (First Nations Status, Non-Status, Métis, and Inuit) undergraduate student who has completed at least ten (10) courses and is in Good Standing.

**The Victoria Annual Fund Award – Victoria College**

Awarded to newly-admitted Indigenous or First Generation students of Victoria College who have demonstrated financial need. Some of these awards are renewable for Second, Third and Fourth Year if the status of "In Good Standing" is maintained. Students must select Victoria College as their first choice on their OUAC application. Automatically considered with completion of Victoria College Admission Student Profile.

**The Bader Opportunity Award – Victoria College**

Awarded to Victoria College students from the Province of Ontario who are Black, Indigenous or a Person of Colour on basis of financial need. Renewable for the Second, Third, and Fourth Year of Study if the academic status of "In Good Standing" is maintained. Students must select Victoria College as their first choice on their OUAC application. Automatically considered with completion of Victoria College Admission Student Profile.

**The A L Cochrane Scholarship – Victoria College**

Awarded to a Victoria College BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, Person of Colour) student for each of four years, provided the recipient remains in good standing. Preference given to Indigenous students and those students with financial need. Recipients must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents. Students must select Victoria College as their first choice on their OUAC application. Automatically considered with completion of Victoria College Admission Student Profile.

**The General Motors Admission Award I – Victoria College**

Awarded to a newly-admitted Victoria College Indigenous student on basis of financial need and academic excellence. Renewable for Second, Third and Fourth Year if the status of "In Good Standing" is maintained. Students must select Victoria College as their first choice on their OUAC application. Automatically considered with completion of Victoria College Admission Student Profile.

**The General Motors Bursary for Indigenous Students – Victoria College**

Awarded to Indigenous students with demonstrated financial need. Amount varies based on financial need. Bursary applications are due November 1 and February 1.

[Learn more about the General Motors Bursary for Indigenous Students – Victoria College.](#)

**Member of the Class of 1935 Bursary – Victoria College**

Awarded to students with financial need with preference given to Indigenous students. Amount varies based on financial need. Bursary applications are due November 1 and February 1.

[Learn more about the Member of the Class of 1935 Bursary – Victoria College.](#)

**The Michael Foulkes and Linda Brennan Bursary – Victoria College**

Awarded to Victoria College students who identify as Black, Indigenous or a Person of Colour with demonstrated financial need, with preference for those who identify as Indigenous. Amount varies based on financial need. Bursary applications are due November 1 and February 1.

[Learn more about the Michael Foulkes and Linda Brennan Bursary – Victoria College.](#)

**The Paul and Judy Huyer Bursary – Victoria College**

Awarded to Victoria College students who identify as Black, Indigenous or a Person of Colour with demonstrated financial need. Amount varies based on financial need. Bursary applications are due November 1 and February 1.

[Learn more about the Paul and Judy Huyer Bursary - Victoria College.](#)

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

Awarded to an Inuit student 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.

[Learn more about the Evelyn Florence and William Leonard Prideaux Award – Science, Architecture or Wycliffe.](#)

## Graduate awards and bursaries

### **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 based on financial need. Make an appointment with the Coordinator of Academic Supports for information on eligibility and application(s). Available: November 1 – March 31 (emergency assistance may be available outside these dates pending circumstances).

### **Gladys Watson Aboriginal Education Award**

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 due November 1 annually.

[Learn more about the Gladys Watson Aboriginal Education Award.](#)

### **Dr. Lillian McGregor Aboriginal Award of Excellence and the Marilyn Van Norman Aboriginal Student Leadership Award**

Awarded to Indigenous students studying full/part-time on 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 considered for both awards. Due date for submission of completed application and supporting documents is February 1 annually.

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

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

The award will be given to Indigenous students (First Nations Status, Non-Status, Métis, Inuit). The recipient selected on 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. Due date for submission of completed application and supporting documents is June 1 annually.

[Learn more about the President's Award for the Outstanding Indigenous Student of the Year.](#)

**Métis Nations of Ontario Bursary**

The Metis Nation of Ontario Bursary is for Indigenous students who are residents of Ontario, and intended to cover unmet educational costs based on financial need. It is not re-payable and is considered taxable income.

[Learn more about the Métis Nations of Ontario Bursary.](#)

**SGS Indigenous Graduate Travel Award**

This 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](mailto:sage@utoronto.ca).

[Learn more about the SGS Indigenous Graduate Travel Award.](#)

**SGS Fellowships and Bursaries for Black and/or Indigenous Students**

The SGS Fellowships and Bursaries for Black and/or Indigenous students are available for full-time graduate students who identify as a Black and/or Indigenous person, are either a currently registered student in a U of T graduate degree program or have accepted an offer of admission to a full-time U of T graduate degree program, and demonstrate academic merit and/or financial need. All applicants are encouraged to review the application information on the SGS University-Wide Awards web page and contact their graduate unit to determine the unit's internal application deadline.

## Graduate awards by subject or professional faculty

**Indigenous Scholarship for OISE Students**

The scholarship (value of \$12,000) is awarded to an Indigenous student who will be registered on a full-time basis in a graduate degree program at OISE. Open to all Indigenous candidates with preference given to new applicants. The recipient will be selected on basis of academic merit and previous and intended contributions to their community.

[Learn more about the Indigenous Scholarship for OISE Students.](#)

**GSEF - William Waters Graduate Awards in Teacher Education – OISE**

Awarded to a graduate student enrolled in the Master of Teaching program on the basis of financial need. Preference given to visible minority or Indigenous student(s).

[Learn more about GSEF – William Waters Graduate Awards in Teacher Education – OISE.](#)

**Grace Buller Aboriginal Student Scholarship – Faculty of Information**

Open to Indigenous (First Nations Status, Non-Status, Métis, or Inuit) students who are enrolled in the Master of Information program. Based on academic merit and previous and intended

contributions to their community will be considered with preference given to new applicants. The value of the award is \$8000 - \$10,000.

[Learn more about Grace Buller Aboriginal Student Scholarship – Faculty of Information.](#)

### **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 [probono.students@utoronto.ca](mailto: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 Coordinator of Academic Supports at FNH.

### **Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy Indigenous Student Scholarship – Faculty of Medicine**

To be awarded as an entrance scholarship to two students each year with their admission into the Master of Science in Occupational Therapy Program (MScOT). Students must self-identify as Indigenous on the Program application to qualify for the award. No application required.

### **Excellence Through Equity Graduate Scholarships – Faculty of Medicine**

This Scholarship was established by the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology to increase the number of, and support for, Indigenous and/or Black students interested in pursuing graduate studies in the Department. Application due date May, annually.

[Learn more about Excellence Through Equity Graduate Scholarships – Faculty of Medicine.](#)

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

### **Wilson G. Harron Trust for Indigenous Students studying Dentistry**

This award is open to Indigenous students (First Nations Status, Non-Status, Métis Inuit) entering or attending an undergraduate, graduate or postgraduate program in the Faculty of Dentistry. It is to assist with the costs incurred in dental education not covered by federal grants. 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.

[Learn more about the Wilson G. Harron Trust for Indigenous Students studying Dentistry.](#)

### **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 due November 1 annually.



[Learn more about City of Toronto Scholarships for Indigenous Students Studying in Health Professions.](#)

### **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.

[Learn more about the Chung Canadian Indigenous Award at the Rotman School of Management.](#)

### **Award for Indigenous Students in Comparative Literature—M.A.**

This entrance scholarship of \$10,000 will be offered to a new Indigenous full-time student registered in the Centre for Comparative Literature's one-year M.A. program. This award can be combined with a SSHRC grant, or with other admissions awards. The award is open to all Indigenous candidates (First Nation, Status or Non-Status, Métis, Inuit) applying to the Centre for Comparative Literature. The recipient will be selected on the basis of academic merit.

[Learn more about the Award for Indigenous Students in Comparative Literature—M.A.](#)

### **Award for Indigenous Students in Comparative Literature—Ph.D.**

This scholarship of \$10,000 per year for 5 years will be offered to an Indigenous (First Nation, Status or Non-Status, Métis, Inuit) student registered on a full-time basis in the Centre for Comparative Literature's Ph.D. program. The award is offered on top of the basic funding package that all Ph.D. students in Comparative Literature receive through the Faculty of Arts & Science (a stipend of approximately \$18,500/year for 5 years, plus tuition and fees). The recipient will be selected on the basis of academic merit.

[Learn more about the Award for Indigenous Students in Comparative Literature—Ph.D.](#)

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

One award to a registered MSW or PhD. Indigenous student based on proven scholastic ability. Financial need may be a consideration.

[Learn about the Faculty of Social Work-Chancellor Rose Wolf Scholarship for Social Work.](#)

### **The Jean Avon Shek Scholarship – Social Work**

Awarded to a MSW or PhD student on basis of financial need and demonstrated academic achievement at the Faculty of Social Work. Preference given to Indigenous student in community practice.

[Learn more about the Jean Avon Shek Scholarship – Social Work.](#)

### **Beutel, Melvihill, Rodgers Indigenous Scholarships – Social Work**

Awarded to Indigenous students registered in the MSW program at the Faculty of Social Work, on basis of financial need. Intended for students in the Advanced Aboriginal Practice Initiative Program (AAPI).

[Learn more about Beutel, Melvihill, Rodgers Indigenous Scholarships – Social Work.](#)

### **Ridgewood Aboriginal Scholarship – Social Work**

Awarded to an Indigenous student working with Indigenous communities who is registered in the MSW or PhD program at the Faculty of Social Work.

[Learn more about the Ridgewood Aboriginal Scholarship – Social Work.](#)

### **The Barbara Greene Award – Social Work**

Awarded to a full-time M.S.W. or PhD student at the Faculty of Social Work on basis of financial need and demonstrated academic achievement. Preference will be given to an Indigenous student.

[Learn more about the Barbara Greene Award – Social Work.](#)

### **Forestry Indigenous Student Fellowship**

Awarded on basis of academic achievement to graduate students registered in the MFC, MScF and PhD programs in the Graduate Department of Forestry. Preference will be given to Indigenous (First Nations, Status, Non-Status, Metis, Inuit) students. No application required.

## **External awards and bursaries**

### **Dreamcatcher Scholarship**

The Dreamcatcher Charitable Foundation is passionate about encouraging youth to pursue and complete their educational goals. The focus of this sector is on educational activities that support and encourage youth to pursue and complete their education with the goal of developing future leaders for our communities.

[Learn more about the Dreamcatcher Scholarship.](#)

### **Gunn's Hill Wind Farm Education Bursary for Indigenous Students**

Made available through the Gunn's Hill Limited Partnership, which is a partnership between Prowind Inc., the Six Nations of the Grand River Development Corporation, and the Oxford Community Energy Co-operative. Up to \$4,000 is available. Applications due spring/summer.

[Learn more about the Gunn's Hill Wind Farm Education Bursary for Indigenous Students.](#)

### **Indigenous Affairs & Northern Development Canada – Indigenous Bursaries**

The Indigenous Bursary Search Tool is a searchable list of more than 600 bursaries, scholarships, and incentives across Canada offered by governments, universities and colleges, private and public companies, individual Canadians, organizations and others.

[Learn more about Indigenous Affairs & Northern Development Canada – Indigenous Bursaries.](#)

### **Indspire – Building Brighter Futures**

Financial awards for First Nations (Status and Non-Status), Inuit and Métis students through several programs. Application due dates August 1; November 1; February 1 annually.

[Learn more about Indspire – Building Brighter Futures.](#)

**Michael Melancon-Koffend Student Award**

Native Woman's Association of Canada offers this award for young Indigenous women, two-spirit, or gender-diverse students from each province and territory.

[Learn more about the Michael Melancon-Koffend Student Award.](#)

**Miziwe Biik Post-Secondary & Apprenticeships Bursaries**

Various bursaries for First Nations, Métis, Inuit students. Must be a resident of the Greater Toronto Area, a current student in a post-secondary accredited institution or proof of enrollment for next year.

[Learn more about Miziwe Biik Post-Secondary & Apprenticeships Bursaries.](#)

**Nellie Makokis Carlson Commemorative Student Award**

Native Woman's Association of Canada offers this award for Indigenous single mothers, two-spirited or gender diverse persons, attending a post-secondary institute.

[Learn more about the Nellie Makokis Carlson Commemorative Student Award.](#)